

BARRE GAZETTE

USPS 044560

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

May 20, 2021 | Vol. 187, No. 5 | \$1.00

www.barregazette.turley.com

Sign marks location of the Vietnam Memorial monument

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

HUBBARDSTON – Town Administrator Ryan McLane, now on sabbatical due to military deployment, began the process to add a monument to honor Vietnam War veterans the town common in 2020.

McLane reached out for volunteers to form a committee to create, design, fund and erect a fitting monument for Hubbardston residents, who answered the call to serve during the Vietnam War era. The monument would finally give these veterans the recognition and honor, which they did not get over 50 years ago. McLane said, “I truly believe that everything we get as Soldiers/Veterans today is because of the Vietnam generation and their fight for benefits and honor.”

Members of the committee included: Ed Blanchard, Tom Colyer, Steve Meagher, Dolores Ordway, secretary; Bill Shea, chairman; Bill Withycombe, treasurer and Sara Wyman, Hubbardston’s Veteran Service Officer. Chairman Bill Shea said there were 85 plus Hubbardston Vietnam veterans. Sara Wyman, Veteran Service Officer, had 84 veterans of that era on her roster. The committee planned to use

See MEMORIAL page 5



Members of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee get ready to install the sign on the Hubbardston Town Common this Tuesday. The sign marks the approximate location of the future memorial honoring veterans of the Vietnam War.

Finance committee works on FY22 budget

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

BARRE – Finance committee vice-chair, Ted Twarog, said at last Thursday’s finance committee meeting “we need to present the best budget at town meeting.”

Twarog said he would like to see each debt service municipal override listed individually instead of just a total number of \$177,657. The municipal overrides included the Ruggles Lane Elementary School and two overrides for the Barre Common project. Revenue projections were greater than expenses. The town was in the process

of collecting motor vehicle excise taxes. On the expense side, it was in the midst of negotiating a police union contract and contracts for four non-union salaried employees: police chief, fire chief, Department of Public Works superintendent and town administrator.

The finance committee voted a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment to all non-union town employees. Finance committee member Brian Inman said with inflation on the rise, the town had to step up as it was hard to get good people.

See FINANCE COMMITTEE page 5

Brad Taylor wins re-election as selectman

By Ellenor Downer
Staff Writer

OAKHAM – Bradford Taylor won re-election for a three-year term to the board of selectmen.

Taylor defeated challenger Susan Collette with 184 votes to 70 for her. Almost 18% or 255 voters of those 1,440 registered cast ballots in the annual town election held May 17.

The board of selectmen was the only contest on the ballot. Christine Mardirosian with 217 votes won re-election as town clerk. Constable Edna Holloway ran the election as

the town clerk was on the ballot for re-election. Sherry Bergin, Norma Mann and Ward Holloway were election workers.

Peter Joyce with 198 votes received another three-year term to the board of assessors. Amanda Carroll, who was a write-in candidate, received 51 write-in votes for a two-year term to the board of assessors.

Other candidates elected were incumbent Aaron Langlois with 216 votes for a three-year term to the board of health, Stefani Hicks

See OAKHAM ELECTION, page 6

BOS, School Committee discuss budget, override

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – At the Board of Selectmen meeting held May 12, School Committee Chair Maria Tucker and Superintendent Richard Lind offered some “brainstorming” ideas to address the current budget gap, which saw a \$1 million difference between the district’s proposed budget and what selectmen and Finance Committee members were willing to recommend.

Tucker acknowledged the additional \$500,000 added to their budget by selectmen, saying they appreciated the additional funding. Tucker said even with the additional money, they school is still facing a half a million-dollar cut to their budget.

School Superintendent Richard Lind said their proposed budget from the BOS and Finance Committee has a reduction of 8.1%. Lind said he knows a lot of people feel that schools are a “drain,” on town finances. “Schools are in general the largest department in every city and town,” Lind said. He said an 8% cut would impact the students negatively, by increasing class sizes, reducing services, programs and staffing. Lind

said the long-term impact of cutting programs could lead to more families opting to school choice out.

AMR funds

Lind said the school currently has \$400,000 in pandemic relief funds to offset its fiscal 2022 budget. He said the town will be receiving American Rescue Plan funds ranging in the amount of \$1 to 1.4 million. Lind asked if those funds could be used to support town departments and also the school.

Lind said another possible solution would be an override. Lind said he is frustrated that the school cannot provide the services the town needs. “How can we get the citizens of this town what they want, need and deserve in their schools, and in the other town departments? I know every department is really skimping and resources are tight. We need to talk about solutions,” Lind said. He said he hopes they can start a conversation and give their best effort to offer solutions to this budget crisis.

Kiley said the \$6 million operating budget is not the only money provided to the school. He said they also provide almost \$2 million in benefits and debt service; almost 54% of town revenue. Kiley said they share the frustration because it is not easy for them to make cuts

See NORTH BROOKFIELD page 5

New rail study celebrated by advocates

Would provide new area commuter line

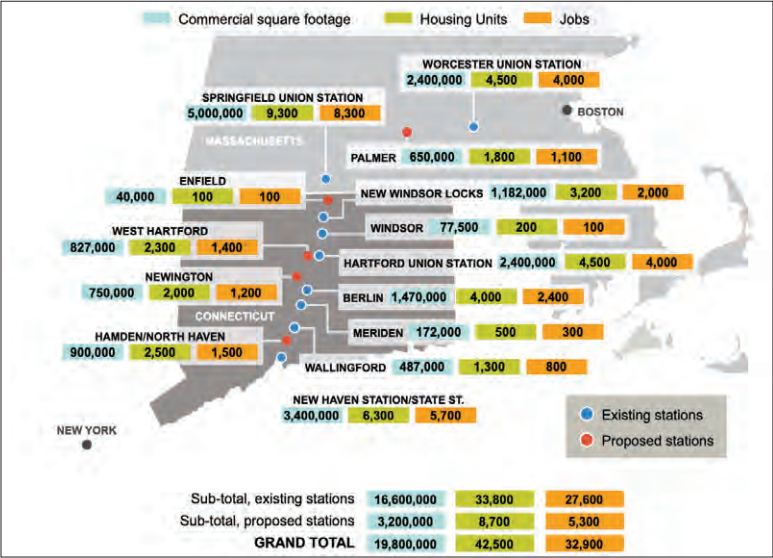
By Michael Harrison
mharrison@turley.com

REGION — Advocates of a new commuter rail line connecting Western Mass. to Boston are cheering the release of a new Capitol Region Council of Governments report backing all the main arguments for public investment in the project.

“The study is great for Palmer,” Ben Hood, chairman of the East-West Rail Steering Committee said.

“The inland route between Boston and New York City is the key to unlocking the enormous economic benefits and transit-oriented development that would accompany restored passenger rail to Palmer. We are well-positioned at the northeast corner of Metro Hartford-Springfield, closest to Worcester and Boston. The study recognizes the work we’ve done to prepare for restored passenger rail.”

Prepared by the international consulting firm AECOM, which specializes in infrastructure, the report not only celebrates modern mass transit as a tool for economic and social transformation, but accuses state and federal governments of negligence over a lack of progress. Although it hails the 2018 opening of the Hartford-



Turley Publications Courtesy Photo

This graphic gives shows commercial square footage, housing units, and jobs for the existing and proposed passenger stations along this route.

Springfield line as a step in the right direction, the service just scratches the surface, the consultant said, and even that new line needs improvement, according to the study.

“The work remaining to be done includes electrification, additional rolling stock, a replacement of the Connecticut River Bridge at Windsor Locks, double-tracking of key segments, five new or relocated stations, and upgrading the downtown Hartford rail viaduct. These improvements, estimated to cost up to \$3 billion, would boost speed, reliability, and access,” the study states.

The Pioneer Valley Planning

Commission also had input on the report.

The East-West Rail project in Massachusetts would connect Springfield to Worcester and Boston, and potentially westward to Pittsfield.

“These services nominally exist today, but with only one train in each direction (Amtrak’s Lakeshore Limited), unreliable performance, and uncompetitively slow speeds—about an hour longer than driving in mid-day conditions. While several alternatives remain in play, an investment in the \$4 billion range would cut

See RAIL STUDY page 9

Hardwick Community Fair gets ‘green light’

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – At their meeting Tuesday, May 18, the Board of Selectmen heard from Hardwick Community Fair President Fay Butler, who said fair officials received the “green light” from the Board of Health to hold the annual fair.

Butler said they will plan it as they have in years past, but will be prepared to adjust accordingly if a change in COVID-19 guidelines arises. Butler said they would like to have a beer and wine garden again and he will start the process for that. SelectBoard Chair Kelly Kemp said she hopes they can all enjoy the fair this year.

Memorial Day

Don Martel said in lieu of a Memorial Day parade, they will visit each site in town and lay wreaths. Martel said Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos will read the names and Taps will be played. They will begin in Wheelwright at 9:30 a.m., then continue to Hardwick, followed by Gilbertville.

See HARDWICK page 5





Join Our Downtown Ware Spring SIDEWALK SALE

Saturday & Sunday, May 22 & 23

Rain or Shine!

Unique New Shops, Treats, Gift Certificates, Free Parking & More

News of the Towns



Round Town
Ellenor Downer
413-967-3505

Legion to hold chicken barbecue

The Barre Post 2 American Legion, 450 South Barre Road, will hold an annual Memorial Day chicken barbecue on Monday, May 31 at 2:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets will be available. Donation is \$15. People may call Tony Musnicki at 978-337-2351, Charlie Fullam at 978-355-2248 and Scott Tourtelot at 508-320-9899 for tickets.

Yard sale

The Grandview Tenant's Association will have a yard sale from 9 a.m. to noon at Grandview Terrace, 146 Ruggles Lane. There will be a variety of items available including puzzles and books. Rain date is Sunday June 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorial Day ceremony

Barre Memorial Day ceremony sponsored by Barre Post 2 American Legion will not have a parade again this year. At 9 a.m. the Post 2 Honor Guard will hold a small ceremony in South Barre. At 10 a.m., they will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery and at 10:30 a.m. at Glenn Valley cemetery. At noon, there will be a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on North Park. Captain Daniel Brennock, SNSI, USN Retired, will be the featured speaker. All residents are invited to attend.

EQLT to hold outdoor story time

PETERSHAM – East Quabbin Land Trust will hold an outdoor story time "Over and Under the Rainforest" in the backyard of the Petersham Memorial Library, on the Common, Saturday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m. Registration is required by calling EQLT at 413-477-8229 or emailing EQLT@comcast.net.

Have Something to Share?

Send your stories and photos to edowner@turley.com

Next Step Studio hits competitive stage



Turley Publications Courtesy Photos

Senior Team perform "Mary Did You Know." They include Brianna Pascale, Cody Douglas, Lexie Lyden, Emma Langelier, and Olivia Pascale

BARRE – In the summer of 2019 the staff of Next Step Studio of the Performing Arts, 82 Common St., announced the results of their 2019-2020 Dance Team Auditions.

Director Hannah Hall said, "They started that fall with 34 competitive students and 32 routines. The students missed months of training last spring due to the original Coronavirus shutdowns. They rehearsed for over a year in less than ideal conditions on Zoom, outdoors, half a group at a time, rearranging routines every few weeks as teammates became unable to continue participation due to progressing COVID concerns."

Almost two years later, on May 1 and 8, 2021, they were finally able to hit the competitive stage with the remaining 28 team members and 27 dances.

Dance competitions hold awards in two ways - one is a numerical score against a rubric and the second is a placement



The whole team rejoice after receiving the "Passion Award."

system. All of the remaining 28 students, ranging in age from 8 to 18, had spectacular scores and placements at two large events: Spirit of Dance Awards and The Royal Dance Competition.

Senior soloist Cody Douglas of North Brookfield holds the highest score of their competitive season, earning a whopping 286.35 points out of 300 for his emotionally captivating piece entitled "Ending."

Following just a half a point behind is a breathtaking contemporary duet between Douglas and Brianna Pascale of Barre earning 285.85 points at their first event and taking first place in the Senior Duet/Trio division at both competitions. Both of these

routines were choreographed by instructor, Ashley Mansfield of Rutland.

Sadie Meattay of Fitchburg, who turned eight at the end of April, blew everyone out of the water by snagging first place in her division and earning 279.5 points for her debut petite solo, an upbeat routine portraying Princess Poppy from the popular children's movie, "Trolls."

The Petite Dance Team consisting of Aubrey Lawson of Petersham, Eliza Brown and Giella Montalvo both of Barre, Tova Howard of New Braintree and Sadie Meattay are all between the ages of 8 and 9. They brought two contrasting routines to both events, placing fourth and fifth weekend one and second weekend two. The girls earned a special award for technique in their lyrical number, and a Diamond Award at TRDC for their Musical Theater Jazz routine "Sparkling Diamonds." Three out of five team members were first time competitors.

The Junior Dance Team

See NEXT STEP page 9



HOME EQUITY LINES OF CREDIT

Imagine what you could do with a little extra cash.

Take Advantage Now!

We're offering our lowest introductory HELOC rates right now!

SPECIAL OFFER!

0.99%* APR
6-month Introductory Rate

OR

2.19%* APR
12-month Introductory Rate

3.25%* APR
Variable Rate Thereafter

**Annual Percentage Rates (APR) accurate as of 4/16/21. The introductory APR of 0.99% APR will be in effect for the first 6 months, OR the introductory APR of 2.19% APR will be in effect for the first 12 months of your loan. After the introductory rate period, the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) will adjust monthly based on the highest Wall Street Journal published Prime Rate on the last business day of each month. Introductory APR only available to clients without an existing Fidelity Bank home equity line or loan. Rate will never exceed 18% APR or drop below 3.25% APR. Available on 1-2 family owner-occupied homes and condominiums only. Loans available from \$10,000 and up. You can borrow up to 100% of the equity you have in your home. Loans exceeding 80% Combined Loan to Value (CLTV) may have higher rates and require Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI). Property insurance required. There is an annual fee of \$50.00. Interest begins to accrue when funds are advanced from line of credit. If the line is closed within 3 years, the Bank's closing costs must be repaid. Interest may be tax-deductible. Please consult your tax advisor. All loans are subject to credit approval. Other restrictions may apply. Offers subject to change or termination at any time.



Helping you get where you want to beSM



800.581.5363
www.fidelitybankonline.com/heloc

Hubbardston
Ellenor Downer
edowner@turley.com



Hubbardston Fair set for June 12

The annual Hubbardston Fair would be held Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Curtis Recreation Field, Rte. 68. Rain date would be Sunday, June 13. There will be food, vendors and musical entertainment.

Annual Hubbardston Library 5K fundraiser

The 24th Annual Hubbardston Library 5K run/walk is scheduled for Saturday Sept. 11. Every effort will be made to once again provide a "live" community event to support the library. The race is an out and back course starting and finishing at the Hubbardston Center School. Applications for the event will be available online at the Hubbardston Library website. The registration fee for the fundraising event is \$22 and \$25 for those, who register after Aug. 4. Long sleeve cotton race shirts will be provided to the first 100 registered runners. Awards to overall fist male/female runner and walker as well as age group winners will be provided. Prizes provided are possible due to the generous donations of local businesses and individual For additional information on this event, interested runners/walkers or donors can contact Mark Wigler, race director at 978)-28-5120 or MTWigler@gmail.com. The "Virtual" 2020 Race/Walk raised over \$1,500 for support of the library's activities and scholarship fund. Proceeds from the first twenty-three years of the event are approaching \$75,000.

Fieldstone Farm hike

Open Space Committee and East Quabbin Land Trust invite individuals and families for a community hike at Fieldstone Farm on Lombard Road. The one-mile walk begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 22 at 1 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, May 23. Fieldstone Farm is near the Audubon Society in Princeton. Eventually the hope is to connect with the Mid State Trail and Mt. Wachusett.

Recycling center

The Hubbardston Recycling Center will be closed until further notice due to staffing issues. Any questions can be directed to 978-928-1400, extension 209.

Council on Aging

The Hubbardston Council on Aging will be participating in the annual town wide yard sale June 26 and 27 beginning at 8 a.m. Donations may be dropped off at the Hubbardston Senior Center Monday through Friday mornings or call 978-928-1400, extension 211 for pick up. Remember one man's junk is another's treasure.

Barre Dining Center

BARRE — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of May 24. Meal sites are closed and there are only Meals on Wheels deliveries. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

MON. – Pork Rib-i-que with barbecue sauce, mac 'n cheese, carrots, strawberries, sandwich roll

TUES. – Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, roasted California blend vegetables, lemon pudding, diet=diet Tapioca, marble rye bread

WED. – Sloppy Joes, steak cut potato wedges, mixed vegetables, pear crisp, diet=pears, sandwich roll

THURS. – Chicken Cordon bleu with gravy, red bliss potatoes, green beans, chocolate mouse, snack'n loaf
FRI. – Ham salad, three bean salad, tomato and cuke salad, fresh fruit, marble rye bread
*Diabetic friendly dessert **Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

Corrections policy

The Barre Gazette will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2. To request a correction, send information to Editor Ellenor Downer at barrenews@turley.com or call 978-355-4000. Corrections may also be requested in writing at Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005.

REMINDER: APRIL 30TH IS THE DEADLINE TO REMOVE STUDDER TIRES

ORIGINAL TIRE CO.
Joseph West, Prop.
SOUTH ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL 978-249-3477
OPEN MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
SATURDAY 8 A.M. TO NOON
Service While You Wait



Your Local Realtor®
25+ Years Experience
Free Market Analysis

POST OFFICE PLACE SUITE 37
206 WORCESTER RD.
PRINCETON, MA 01541

978-400-6932
lauriekraemer@hotmail.com
www.wachusethomes.com



Laurie Kraemer
Realtor®

Barre Family Pharmacy

547 Summer Street, Barre
978-355-2359

Call Today for an Easy Prescription Transfer

After Hours: 508-864-6540
mybarrepharmacy.com

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.;
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Sun. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Farber & Lindley

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

7 Exchange Street, Barre
978-257-8389



*Personal Injury
Automobile Accident
Slip and Fall*

www.farberandlindley.com

Opinion

Column

Reading a diary from the past

Recently, I was going through a box of “old stuff” from my parents. On top were two diaries from my maternal grandmother, Florence Baker - 1953 and 1959.

I sat down to read them and found them a family treasure. I turned to the 1953 diary first as I wanted to read any entries she had about the June 9, 1953 tornado. I always assumed when my mother, brother and I were visiting relatives in Shrewsbury the day of the tornado, my grandmother was there. Her diary told otherwise as she was visiting her son and middle daughter and families in Pennsylvania when the Worcester tornado hit. Her entry for Tuesday, June 9 added in pencil instead of ink said, “Caroline (her oldest daughter, who lived in Shrewsbury) sent wire all safe don’t worry received at 3:15 a.m.” on June 10, but added under June 9. On Tuesday, June 16 she wrote, “Received a nice letter from Ellen (my mother and her youngest daughter). Talked to Caroline. Didn’t know until after talk that Caroline suffered from shock worst of all. No one told me and they knew it all the time.”

Since I was only six years old at the time of the tornado, I had no idea my aunt and other relatives suffered from shock after the tornado. I am not surprised my Aunt Caroline suffered the worst as her husband went out to close the barn doors and was picked up by the winds and dropped in the field. He suffered cuts, debris in his eyes and bruises. In addition, the back of their barn was ripped off, a next door neighbor lost their barn and trees fell everywhere.

A few days later, we were out in my aunt’s backyard. I was barefoot and almost stepped on a snake. My aunt screamed, a scream with fear in it. She said she feared the snake was poisonous as she heard the tornado had dropped snakes and other animals from their normal habitat to more populated areas. She must have feared it was a timber rattlesnake and being in shock over reacted. My father calmly said it was just a garter snake.

Reading her diaries brought back many childhood memories. It also made me realize, I should identify the names in her diaries for the reference of future generations, who would not know those people.

I also think I will add writing a diary for my 2022 New Year’s resolution so maybe one of my grandchildren will enjoy reading it in the future just like I did.



Ellenor Downer



In Past Pages

5 years (May 26, 2016)

On Wednesday, May 11 Barre Firefighters, Jason Pimental and Tom George got up early to make the long trek to JFK Airport to pick up a very special cargo, two steel subway rails from the rubble of 9/11 World Trade Center. After a long process that took years the town of Barre acquired these hallowed artifacts from the New York New Jersey Port Authority. The artifacts arrived back in Barre later that afternoon after Pimental and George made the long round trip the same day. The artifacts will at a later day and time be erected vertically with a stone marker on Barre’s North Common, also known as Veterans Park.

A capital plan was not a new idea for the town of Barre, but the Collins Center presented a draft of a five-year plan at a recent finance committee meeting. Staff from the Collins Center of UMass Boston interviewed department heads, reviewed their requests and evaluated them against a set of criteria as part of a Community Compact Grant project. They explained that hopefully once a capital plan was in place and implemented there would be fewer and fewer emergencies, as vehicles and equipment would be replaced prior to major breakdowns and over several hears to avoid replacing them all at once.

The Oakham Finance Committee presented a letter to the board of selectmen expressing its concern that selectmen overruled its financial recommendations. FinCom chair, Paul Rochette, stated if selectmen did not all the finance committee’s recommendations to go forth to town meeting, there was no reason for it to exist. He said the selectmen cut the request from the board of assessor’s for software that the FinCom recommended. Later in the letter, the committee stated, “The finance committee feels strongly that our recommendations should be presented to the public as submitted.”

10 years (May 26, 2011)

Another Oakham Boy Scout earned Eagle rank this month and all three are from Rutland Boy Scout Troop 141. Twins Nicholas and Timothy Mardirosian made Eagle rank about tow months before in March. Only about 2% of Boy Scouts earn Eagle, the highest rank in Scouting. For his Eagle project, Luks made six picnic tables for the Long Pond rest area in Rutland and one picnic table for the Parker Brook rest area in Oakham. Tow of the tables met handicapped specifications.

Several dogs took their owners along last Saturday morning when they accepted an invitation to attend the open house at the Pete sham Animal Shelter. A cute little mixed breed names Jack brought along his young owners, Zoe Lilly, who had adopted him from the shelter just the night before the event. Petersham select board chairman Rick Marsh was on hand to present Alan Bachrach, VMD and Douglas Cameron with

LOOK BACK
Memorial Day - 1986



Turley Publications File Photo

Members of the American Legion place flags on veterans’ graves in Barre May 18, 1986.

a plaque of appreciation for all of the volunteers that had contributed years of hard work in building the shelter. Town Administrative Coordinator Dale Bull organized the event and Bull and her sister, Lynne Shaw, supplied home-baked refreshments.

Oakham selectmen on the recommendation of Police Chief Frederick Gehring appointed Matt Piscatelli from intermittent part-time to regular part-time officer, Pamela Schilitz to reserve officer and Christopher Blood special officer. Officer Schilitz used to be on the force.

25 years (May 23, 1996)

David H. Tuttle, R-Barre, has announced his candidacy for state representative for the 5th Worcester District. He will be running to fill the seat being vacated by Rep. Stephen Brewer, D-Barre, who is running for the Massachusetts State Senate. Tuttle, an aide to U.S. Rep. Peter I. Blute, R-Shrewsbury, has been working for the congressman out of his Worcester District Office.

Barre selectmen Richard Stevens and Daniel Trifilo said Monday night they were disappointed to hear the Finance Committee was opposed to continue funding of the police grant. Stevens said Police Chief James Thompson and others worked hard to get the grant approved and the officer hired for this community policing grant, Michael Morrison, was led to believe he would have the job for three-years, the full term of the grant. The grant requires the town to contribute 25% toward the officer’s salary and the other 75% is funded by the federal government. It costs the town about \$6,000 a year for the officer.

The Quabbin Regional School Committee has awarded a three-year contract for school transportation in the five-town district to Robert L. McCarthy & Sons of Brookfield. There were only two

bidders – McCarthy and the current school bus contractor M.A.C. Mae Bus Company of Hubbardston. McCarthy bid \$2,746,065 for the three-year contract, while M.A.C.-Mae bid \$3,283,755. M.A.C. - Mae’s bid was \$537,690 higher than McCarthy’s. The district has the option to extend the contract tow additional years.

38 years (May 26, 1983)

The Quabbin Junior Varsity Softball team, by virtue of three big victories this past week, are presently in the top position among JV teams in the Wachusett League. The Junior club rolled over Lunenburg 39-10 on Wednesday, May 18, then disposed on formerly unbeaten Ayer by a score of 17 to 16 the next day, before avenging their only loss of the season to Gardner by defeating the Wildcats 10-4 last Monday.

In its regular bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 17 New Braintree selectmen requested the present owners of Pioneer Valley Academy to keep the board updated on the pending sale of the Pioneer Valley property. The board also agreed to inform state Senator Robert Wetmore and Representative Henry Greneir about the pending sale and request of them any relative information in the event the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should attempt to purchase the property.

The Oakham Board of Assessors received word last Saturday from the state Department of Revenue that the proposed tax rate of \$29.50 was approved. The computer company was notified on Monday and is expected to provide the tax bills within a week so all taxpayers can expect the bills shortly. It is hope that most people will pay immediately without waiting the 30-day period so the town will avoid having to borrow money to pay bills. The breakdown is \$20.45 for schools and \$9.05 for general government.

Guest Column

A dahlia fetish

While I always devote a portion of the vegetable garden to cut flower plots for the girls and I, last summer in particular we really got into picking big, beautiful bouquets for the house. One flower that did particularly well for us was the dahlia. I had four varieties total in varying sizes and color, and boy did these add a lot to the vase. I enjoyed harvesting them so much that I invested in a sampler pack from Old House Gardens mail order company, as well as another couple varieties from local growers. I can’t wait to be surprised by what is in my sample pack.

Today was the designated day to plant them. I was a little nervous because the soil temperatures have only begun to warm up, but I had the time so I did it and will pray for the best. Sometimes you just have to do what you have to do! Read on to learn about this unique flower.

Dahlias are not hardy in our area. For that reason we wait until the danger of frost has passed to plant them. They can be started from seeds but most are grown from tubers of a named variety that was purchased from a nursery or mail order company. According to one source, there are some 50,000 named dahlia varieties! Flowers can vary in size from mignon singles that are a mere 2 inches across to AA size which grow over 10 inches wide.

Plant heights vary as well, ranging from six inches to 20 feet tall! Six different size flowers and 14 shapes are possible with colors that appear in nearly every shade except for true blue. Small varieties make especially good bedding plants, mixing well with other annual and perennial garden flowers. Large flowered types are suitable “specimen” plants that stand well on their own in nearly any gardening situation. All are great and long-lasting cut flowers.

Dahlias have the reputation of being “high maintenance,” probably because they need to be staked and pinched. They are also prone to insect and disease problems. None of this should dissuade you from growing them, however. Plant dahlias in full sun in fertile soil amended sparingly with compost and organic fertilizers. Most tubers are planted about three inches deep and one to three feet away from one another, depending on plant size. Providing enough air circulation between plants will help keep diseases at bay.

Most gardeners install a stake at planting time and attach the dahlia to it as it grows, beginning when it is a foot tall. Subsequent ties are made every 18 inches or so depending on variety. Without the use of stakes, large flowers will likely topple in the wind and rain, sometimes taking a good portion of the plant with it.

Pinching dahlias is another good practice. When the plant has three sets of leaves gently remove its growth tip. This will encourage more branching and inevitably more flowers. Once blooming starts, it is important to cut away spent blooms on a regular basis; tubers will grow stronger because of it. Dahlias thrive on sufficient moisture, especially since they are shallow rooted. Furnish them with one inch per week during active growth. As the growing season draws to a close, hold back on water and any supplemental fertilization you have been providing. This will give the tubers a chance to harden off before they are removed from the ground.

Dig up dahlia tubers either just prior to or soon after frost hits. Leave a small portion of stem attached to the tubers; it is a great place to adhere a label. Take it from me, it is easy to forget a name over the winter months! Soil should be eased off the tubers with a spray of water before placing in storage. Choose a location to

See GARDEN, page 8

Turley Publications
Letters to the Editor
Policy

Letters to the editor should be 350 words or less in length. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require letter writers to include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must authenticate authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous or contain unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, defamation of character and offensive language. All unknown or alleged facts and quotations offered by the author need to cite credible, unbiased sources. Send letters to: Barre Gazette, P.O. Box 448, Barre, MA 01005 or via email to edowner@turley.com. The deadline for submissions is Friday at noon.

BARRE GAZETTE

The Barre Gazette (USPS 044560) is published every Thursday by Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069. Telephone (413) 283-8393, Fax (413) 289-1977.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Turley Publications, Inc., 24 Water St., Palmer, Mass. 01069.

PATRICK H. TURLEY
CEO

KEITH TURLEY
President

EDITOR
Ellenor Downer
edowner@turley.com

STAFF WRITER

ADVERTISING SALES
Tim Mara
tmara@turley.com

SPORTS EDITOR
Greg Scibelli
sports@turley.com

SOCIAL MEDIA



@ Barre Gazette

WEB

www.barregazette.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc.
www.turley.com

Turley Publications, Inc. cannot assume liability for the loss of photographs or other materials submitted for publication. Materials will not be returned except upon specific request when submitted.

Guest column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

I think I had an interesting adventure or maybe it was just a dream. This morning started out bright and sunny and breakfast was superb with bacon bits. Missy bent down and patted my head and rubbed my back. I enjoyed that very much as she doesn’t do it often during the day usually only at night when we watch TV.



Anyway, it was soon nap time and I jumped up on Missy’s bed in the sunshine and closed my eyes. The next thing I knew I was visiting at Missy’s brother’s house and looking over their new cat. The cat and I had spitting greetings and then things were fine and my new friend started to show me all his antics.

First, he ran around the room over and under everything and invited me to join him in the fun. My old legs managed to follow him, but stopped short of jumping up on the sink shelf and then up on the top of the refrigerator.

Then he started opening all the cupboard doors he could reach up there and next he was inside on of those cupboard, which didn’t have much in it. Wow, his mistress just said he was always into something. I certainly could believe that after seeing him only a short time.

He was off on another caper when I suddenly woke up. If I had done all that here in my house, Missy would have scolded me royally.

I had another caper in mind for today and proceeded to jump on the spare bed and tackle those little strips of cloth, which Missy uses in her rag rugs. She had just finished another rug and wasn’t using these so I thought it was my turn to use them. Ha, ha, it was great fun.

Have a good week folks,
Love,
Gertrude

PERIODICAL POSTAGE PAID AT BARRE, MA
The Barre Gazette is a weekly newspaper published every Thursday by Barre Gazette, Inc., with offices located at 5 Exchange St., Barre, MA 01005 and at 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069. Telephone at 978-355-4000 or FAX at 978-355-6274. USPS number is 044-560. Postmaster: Send address changes to:
Barre Gazette, 24 Water St.
Palmer, MA 01069
\$1.00 per copy
Subscription rate: \$33 for one year
\$44 for two years
Out of State: \$38 for one year, \$54 for two years

Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

What wonderful weather we had Saturday and Sunday. My two daughters and granddaughter took me out to lunch for Mother's Day to a restaurant in Athol called 110. I had fish and chips and it was delicious. We also had our picture taken by the hostess.

A funny thing happened to me this week. I bought a new digital camera at Staples. I brought it home and put the batteries in after several tries to close the door. I read all the directions and installed the memory card and wanted to try taking some pictures. I could not get the picture of two girls off the screen. I decided to call the technician at the Vivitar Camera Company. He did not know what to tell me. I then decided to call Staples where I bought the camera and a lady technician listens to my story and then said did you take the decal off the screen? I really felt so stupid and wondered how many others had this problem? Telling the story has brought a few laughs. So at the lunch my daughters said maybe you need to call this column Senility Hill Sampler. No, it is not fun getting old and working with technology.

After the lunch we stopped at an

area gift shop that was going out of business.

Gwendolyn made us asparagus chowder that was very good. Here is a recipe from my N.H. friend Nancy that I will make it when I can find fresh asparagus.

ASPARAGUS SOUP

1 lb. fresh asparagus, prepared and cut into 2 inch pieces
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon fresh tarragon, minced and divided
1/2 cup dry white wine
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
3 cups chicken broth or bouillon

Cook asparagus in boiling water until tender, about 4 to 5 minutes, drain and set aside. Combine half the tarragon and white wine in medium saucepan; simmer until reduced by half. Add tarragon wine to asparagus and puree in food processor until smooth. In same saucepan melt butter; stir in flour and cook for a few seconds. Slowly whisk in chicken broth, stirring until smooth. Stir in asparagus mixture and rest of tarragon; heat through stirring to keep smooth.

This and That

Things in the gardens are really

growing and changing daily. Most of the hostas have broken ground and the ostrich ferns are very tall. The Epimediums are all in blossoms and I have white, pink yellow and orange blossoms.

The flowering crab apple tree is blossoming very well, but there are some lower branches that need to be trimmed.

I haven't planted any of the new annuals in the ground as I worry of frost still but I will plant them in another week.

I went to the flea market on Sunday morning and was surprised to purchase two orchid plants in bloom for one dollar each. I also bought two very old Victorian picture frames with Godey lady prints in them. Because I was going out to lunch I only stayed for about one hour, but I had to go the car three times.

I got lots of nice books and interesting items from the girls for Mother's Day. Many of the items were cosmetics so I should be looking fairly good soon.

Friday I went to the hairdresser for the first time in over a year so I got a nice haircut.

Have a good week and try to make someone happy each day.

MEMORIAL

continued from page 1

the town clerk's census records and reach out to veterans using Facebook, the town website, notices on public bulleting boards and local newspapers.

According to the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, the term "Vietnam veteran" described those who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of duty location.

Shea said at the Tuesday sign installation, the goal was to have the monument in place on the common next to the Spanish War/ World War I, Civil War and World War II monuments, already on the common in front of the Unitarian Church, for Memorial Day 2022. He said the design would be similar to the Spanish War/

World War I and II monuments. It would be five feet by nine feet and made from black granite like the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Estimated cost was about \$30,000.

The brightly painted sign designed by Sara Wyman and her husband, Mark read, "Future Location of Our Vietnam Veterans Memorial." She just got out of the service and here husband was still on active duty.

The committee established the following goals: outreach to the public to be able to identify and include all men and women, who would qualify to be listed on the Hubbardston Vietnam Veterans memorial, raise enough funds to build a fitting tribute to Vietnam Veterans, have the design and funding in place by Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2021 and complete the Memorial in time for an official dedication at the town's Memorial Day Ceremony May

30, 2022.

The committee said, "The time is long overdue to recognize the patriotism of our men and women who served our country during the extremely difficult and complex period known as the Vietnam era."

The committee hoped to raise the majority of the \$30,000 through public donations. One hundred percent of every donation will go to the erection of this Memorial. Based on municipal and state regulations, donations should be sent to: The Town of Hubbardston, 7 Main St Unit 10, Hubbardston, MA 01452, Attn: Hubbardston Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. Donors should make checks or money orders out to The Town of Hubbardston.

Shea already had plans for his next town project. He planned to seek funds to restore the Civil War Monument, also located on the town common.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

continued from page 1

Tax title

Treasurer/collector Alex Haggerty attended the finance committee via Zoom to answer any question regarding tax title. He said the first step when taxpayers owe back taxes was to send a notice informing them the properties would be advertised in the newspaper in the process to secure a lien on the property and the interest rate would increase from 14% to 16%. If they didn't pay, the next step would be to take them to land court. He said there were 82 parcels and the number was down to 50. He said it was "a pretty high figure." He said once the letter went out and people knew it would be advertised, the number dropped. Haggerty also said he was okay with the \$10,000 in the proposed budget for tax title. He also had \$7,000 in the account, which would

roll over.

Finance committee member Inman asked Haggerty if the reconciliations with the town accountant were current. He said he was still working to catch up, but now he had two people in his office it should get done.

Finance committee booklet

Finance committee chair Claire Adomaitis said she liked last year's finance booklet and would like this year's to be the same. Town administrator Jessica Sizer said she would use the same format and it would be available for the public hearing on Thursday, June 3.

Town administrator

The town administrator said she received guidelines for American Rescue Plan Act fund, but the government was still working on the infrastructure piece. The state would not be able to restrict the U.S. Treasury guidelines. The town would be receiving a total of \$1.6 million in ARPA funds, half this year and

the other half next year.

Capital Stabilization Fund

Finance committee member Dan Jewell said the town used free cash to fund capital projects. He said instead of using free cash, which was going down, he said it could set aside an amount each year in a capital stabilization account to use for capital projects. The finance committee agreed it was a good idea and would request an article on the town meeting warrant to create the fund. Use of capital stabilization funds would require a 2/3 majority town meeting vote.

Meetings

The finance committee will meet jointly with the board of selectmen Thursday, May 20 to go over the annual town meeting budget. The finance committee also will meet Thursday, May 27 to go over their recommendations to present at the public budget hearing Thursday, June 3 at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road.

Tucker said Lind works through the week-end and works extended hours. She said she understands the perception about him earning extra money, but she emphasized that he is doing extra work. Kiley said the perception is there and the reality is that 116 students opt to school choice out. Tucker said the possible cut in programming will cause more students to school choice out.

Communication

Members of the Finance Committee asked why the School Committee did not attend

their meetings. Tucker said they will make the effort to attend and would like to have a tri-board meeting, but does not want to be told it is "a waste of time." Tucker said going forward, they will continue to try to attend selectmen and Finance Committee meetings.

Kiley said if there is interest in an override, a group should be formed to explore that as an option. He agreed it is worth talking about. Lind said he really wants to work together and do the best they can do for the children of the community.



YOGA
FOR
EVERY
BODY

THE CENTERED PLACE

SINCE 1988

Yoga & Meditation Classes

Now offering both online classes and studio classes. We will keep you safe.

Voted Best Yoga in the region by
Town & Country Living Magazine



Have compassion. Be considerate of others.
Take care.

413 436 7374
286 BRIDGE ST, WARREN MA
WWW.THECENTEREDPLACE.COM

Windows shed light and more

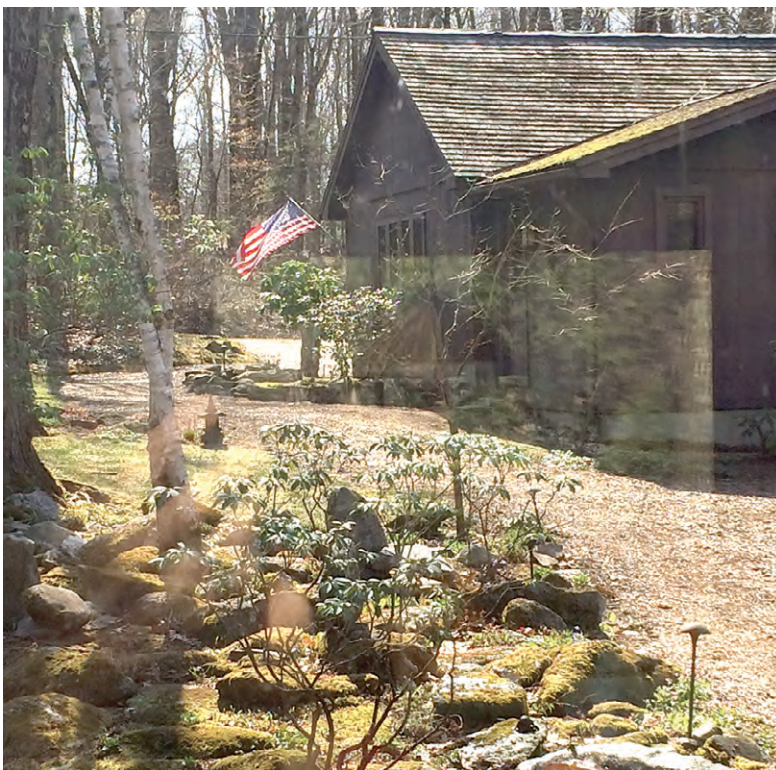
By Carole Gariepy

Have you ever been in a room with no windows? I have, and it was an awful experience.

In 1967, Gerry and I decided to go on a cruise to celebrate our fifth anniversary. To make the trip more affordable, we reserved an inside room on a low deck, an inside room meant no window (porthole). It was \$200 cheaper, which was a lot of money at that time. We figured we'd just be in the room for sleeping so what did a window matter. Well, the next morning I woke up and thought, it must still be nighttime as it was pitch black. I fumbled for the light switch to check the clock and shockingly saw it was seven o'clock. Oh my goodness, still dark but time to get up. Very disorienting. What was the weather like outside? How should we dress? The room suddenly felt like we were housed in a big closet. It was awful having no connection to the outside world.

And, since Covid, I realize more-than-ever how important windows are, especially for people who have been confined in nursing homes and hospitals. Life has been more-than-ever difficult for them because their visitations and social interactions were very restricted. Windows were their connection to the outside world. Not only could they check out the weather, the birds and plants, but the comings and goings of people outside became a part of their lives.

We have a friend, an optimistic person, who moved into a very nice assisted living home just when Covid was starting, just as isolation was being put into effect. So, instead of the usual communal eating and social activities, the residents had to stay in their own small apartments. Family members couldn't even visit. The window became our friend's salvation. He observes the many passersby who became regulars. The familiar faces became important to him and he has begun to consider their occupations by their dress, energy, and time schedules and got to know if they were running late and



Turley Publications Photo Courtesy

This photo shows an outside view from a window.

having to hurry or having a relaxed leisurely start to their day. His window inspires his imagination and connects him to the outside world ... the people he sees regularly have become vicarious friends.

Our son has a homebound friend nearby whose day is filled with observing the activities of neighbors from his chair by the window. People wave when they walk by, and when we're there we toot the horn when we drive by. He told our son he loves to hear the toots. His window keeps him connected with the outside world. It's good for us to know how much just a wave or a toot can mean to someone. It tells them they're remembered. No one should be forgotten.

And let us appreciate the advances in glass production. Years ago glass had to be hand blown and windowpanes were small and the glass was irregular. I remember the awe I felt when I first saw a picture window, it was like looking at a beautiful landscape painting, also the bay window where we can get a view in three directions, and sliding glass doors with floor-to-

ceiling views. I am thankful for the engineering and inventiveness that has made these advances available to us.

Just think how often we look out our windows checking the weather, watching plants spring back to life, observing neighborhood activities, seeing passing cars, and watching joggers and walkers, not to mention the benefits we get from the light and sunshine that windows allow to pass in to us. Windows keep us connected to life in the outside world. Covid couldn't stop that. (And I can't neglect to mention my special needs son who lives in a group home whom we visited many times from outside looking through his window, which kept us connected to his inside isolated world.)

I told Gerry that never again will we sacrifice a porthole for a few dollars. The window is more important than money and in appreciation for the importance of those portholes in our lives, I think I'll clean my windows on the next good spring day.

HARDWICK

continued from page 1

Kemp apologized or a miscommunication that occurred with a Facebook post about Memorial Day events. Martel said the American Legion in town is still very much active, they just sold their building due to the pandemic. He said they are currently looking for a new site to meet. He said many of their members are elderly and a parade is too much for them.

Building inspector fees

Kemp said she talked to the building inspector and he said their fee schedule is "antiquated." He said he was willing to look at updating the fee schedule if the board approved. The current fee schedule was done in 2016. The board agreed the fee schedule should be updated.

HCA drafts

The board received revised Host Community Agreements from town counsel for Hardwick Mill Greenery and Budding Botanicals LLC. Kemp said town counsel felt removing the impact fee and just adding another payment, or benefit payment, in the same amount, would still

be considered an impact fee in the court. Town counsel suggested in the drafts for each business to propose an impact fee and a benefit fee.

Kemp said Adroit Manufacturing owner, Ralph Rogers came to the board's last meeting with his concerns about impact fees versus benefit payments, as well as the \$5,000 legal deposit and indemnification language. Rogers said he agreed to pay the legal deposit and have it taken off of his first impact fee. Rogers said in speaking with town counsel, the language in the HCA regarding indemnification is there because marijuana is still illegal under federal laws. Rogers said he wants the language about marijuana being illegal according to federal regulations included.

Kemp said they will talk with town counsel tomorrow to make amendments to Rogers' HCA in order for the board to review it and vote at their next meeting.

EMS update

Quink said she received the

proposal from the town of Barre for emergency medical services. They proposed an up-front fee of \$25,000 to cover Wheelwright and the parts of Hardwick that border Barre. Quink said the proposal mentions additional costs but does not say an amount.

Quink said she is concerned about Ware's ability to cover Hardwick, especially with overnight calls. Police Chief James Ayotte said they should continue talking with West Brookfield Rescue Squad and look at all options.

"The first and foremost concern is the residents of Hardwick," Quink said. She also wants the town to get what they are paying for, she said. Quink proposed they ask Barre to come to their meeting and just discuss this. Quink said she will be approaching Ware with Ayotte or Lt. Kevin Landine, since they are the first responders for Hardwick. Kemp said she would arrange a meeting with Barre.

NORTH BROOKFIELD,

continued from page 1

too, "everyone suffers." He said a debt override stays forever, unlike a debt exclusion which goes away over time. Tucker said they are having two debt exclusions, and questioned if an override would eliminate the need for exclusions. A resident commented that an override would increase the cost to live in town and drive people out.

Possible override impact

Kiley said a significant portion of their population is elderly or on a fixed income and a tax increase would be challenging to those people. Lind said their recent demographic study shows their school-age population increasing in the future. Lind said this is a brainstorming session.

Kiley said there is only one department in town that will be getting more in their line item this year: the police department. He said a 2% increase in the police department budget is much lower than 2% in the school budget. A resident who is also a parent said many families have lost jobs and are hurting financially. The resident said, "it's a hard pill to swallow," knowing that Lind accepts more money to be co-principal, but still wants to cut programs to save money. Tucker explained that Lind is doing the work of three people, which is a considerable financial savings to the school.

GET THE JOB DONE RIGHT!



With products ranging from
log splitters to lawn mowers,
DR has what your lawn needs!

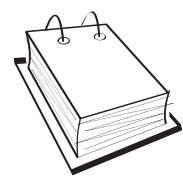


Higgins Powersports has all the tools you need to make your lawn the best it's ever been this Spring. Come see our full line of DR Power Equipment for your lawncare needs!

Spring Tractor Tune-Up
Special for only
\$225 + Parts!



Rt. 122, Barre MA 01005
Call or Text 978-355-6343
HigginsPowersports.com



Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, MAY 20
BARRE FOOD PANTRY will hold food distributions at the Barre Congregational Church, 30 Park St., Barre from 5:30-7 p.m. It is a drive through style. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers.

FRIDAY, MAY 21
GARDNER AREA LEAGUE OF ARTISTS will host a spring and music art show at The Red Apple Farm, 455 Highland Avenue, Phillipston May 21-23. There will be live music all weekend as well as raffles, auctions and refreshments. Today there will be an artists' reception from 6-9 p.m. and an awards presentation at 7 p.m. The show will be open on Saturday, May 22 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, May 23 from noon-4 p.m., raffle/auction winners and people's choice awards will be announced at 3:30 p.m. For more information, people may visit www.galagardner.org, email info@galagardner.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/galagardner. It is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

SATURDAY, MAY 22
OUTDOOR STORY TIME sponsored by East Quabbin Land Trust be held in the backyard of the Petersham Memorial Library, on the Common, Petersham at 11:30 a.m. The story is "Over and Under the Rainforest." Registration is required by calling EQLT at 413-477-8229 or emailing EQLT@comcast.net.


BARRE FARMERS' MARKET will be held Saturdays now through October on South Common in Barre from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market features local farmers, crafters and more.

REIGNING CATS AND DOGS EXHIBIT will be on display at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St., Ware, now through June 27. An in-person artist's reception will be held Saturday, May 22 from 3-7 p.m. Exhibition hours will be May 22 to June 27 on Fridays from 4-8 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays from noon-5 p.m. For more information or people may visit workshop13.org for a printable entry form or contact ArtWorks Gallery at artworks@workshop13.org or 413-277-6072.

SUNDAY, MAY 23
NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS of Western Massachusetts will be holding its 21st Annual Virtual Walkathon, "A Journey of Hope and Recovery" beginning at 11 a.m. The event is suitable for all ages and abilities. Funds raised will directly benefit NAMI Western Massachusetts continuing efforts to help increase awareness and provide essential education, advocacy and support group programs for the people in the community living with mental health conditions and their loved ones. For further information, people may please contact 413-786-9139 or visit www.namiwm.org/events for entry and sponsorship forms.

THURSDAY, MAY 27
FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 4 Maple St., Oakham will host a Zoom book talk with author Ben Montgomery at 7 p.m. He will talk about his book

Where is this?



Turley Publications Photo by Ellenor Downer

This week's mystery photo is from Rutland. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edownner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, May 24. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Gary Brigham, Dick Clark and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was the First Congregational Parish Unitarian Church Davis Memorial Chapel located behind the church on West Street in Petersham.

"Grandma Gatewood's Walk." People may register at the library or online at www.oakham-ma.gov, call 508-882-3372 or email library@oakham-ma.gov.

BIRDS OF N.E./QUABBIN RESERVOIR with

Dale Monette will be held at the Gardner Museum, Gardner from 7-8 p.m. Reservation is required. Admission for non-member adults is \$3. Monette a retired educator and naturalist with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, will present wildlife images, focusing on birds that visit New England and birds and mammals that live here and call New England home. Both of his books, "Secret Lives of the Quabbin Watershed" and "Voyagers, Visitors and Home," will be available for purchase tonight and signed on request by the author.

MONDAY, MAY 31 MEMORIAL DAY
BARRE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY sponsored by Barre Post 2 American Legion will not hold a parade again this year. At 9 a.m. the Post 2 Honor Guard will hold a small ceremony in South Barre at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., they will be at St. Joseph's Cemetery and at 10:30 a.m. at Glenn Valley cemetery. At noon, there will be a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial on North Park. Captain Daniel Brennock, SNSI, USN Retired, will be the featured speaker. All residents are invited to attend.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CHICKEN BARBECUE will be held and sponsored by the Barre Post 2 American Legion, 450 South Barre Road, at 2:30 p.m. Only 100 tickets will be available. Donation is \$15. People may call Tony Musnicki at 978-337-2351, Charlie Fullam at 978-355-2248 and Scott Tourtelot at 508-320-9899 for tickets.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1
GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY with Seema Kenney via Zoom is sponsored by the Haston Free Public Library, 160 North Main St., North Brookfield will be held today and June 8 at 7 p.m. People may contact the library at 508-867-0208 or email illnb@cwmar.org to learn more or register for the ZOOM invitation. This ZOOM program is part of our Preserving Our Memories project, part of The Virtual Programming for Distance Learning grant program paid for with CARES Act funding to the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

OAKHAM ELECTION, continued from page 1

with 207 votes to a three-year term as library trustee and incumbent Gregory Spinney with 226 votes for a three-year term to the cemetery commission. John Metterville with 209 votes won a two-year term as cemetery commission and Fred-Jean Francois with 185 votes won re-election to a three-year term to the Quabbin Regional School District Committee. Michael Brunelle with 215 won re-election as tree warden and Peter Clifford with 215 votes won another five-year term to the planning board.

Also on the ballot was Denise Collette with 190 votes for one of two positions for a three-year term as constable. Sherry Bergin received 26 write-in votes for the other three-year term as constable.

NOTICE

ERRORS: Each advertiser is requested to check their advertisement the first time it appears. This paper will not be responsible for more than one corrected insertion, nor will be liable for any error in an advertisement to a greater extent than the cost of the space occupied by the item in the advertisement.

1 WATER FILTRATION
**ARMY OF 1 WATER FILTRATION**
774-200-0225
WE'RE LOCAL!
• NEW INSTALLATIONS • SERVICE PLANS AVAILABLE
• SERVICING ALL EQUIPMENT • WELL TANK & PUMP SERVICE
James Morse - Cell: 774-200-0225
email: jmorse6207@yahoo.com

2 HEATING OIL & A/C
**SHERMAN OIL**
Ensuring Comfort and Service Since 1962
• FUEL • SERVICE 24/7
• INSTALLATION • AIR CONDITIONING
508.867.7447 • ShermanOil.com
CHECK YOUR A/C TODAY & BEAT THE HEAT!

3 LOGGING
Park Saw Shop
LOGGING • ARBORIST • SAFETY
Shipping Can Be Arranged • Rentals Available
413-544-9027 • 1-800-232-6132
1292 Park Street, Palmer, MA 01069
Mon.-Fri. 6am-5pm • Sat. 7am-Noon
 

4 INSURANCE
Moulton Insurance Agency
BUSINESS • AUTO • HOME • LIFE
Very Competitive Rates • Experienced Professional Staff
99% Customer Satisfaction Rate • On-site Registry Processing
Ware Belchertown
143 West Street 45 N. Main Street
413-967-3327 413-323-7229


5 PAINTING & PAPERING
SABLACK
PAINTING & PAPERING
Professional Workmanship
Interior & Exterior • Residential & Commercial
PAPER HANGING • DRYWALL SERVICE
CERAMIC TILE
FREE ESTIMATES • FULLY INSURED
Warren, MA (413) 436-7686

6 TREE SERVICE
**H & H TREE SERVICE LLC**
Fully Insured!
(413) 668-6560
Dave

CALL YOUR TURLEY REP TODAY! 283-8393



YOUR LOCAL
TRUSTED
RELIABLE
DEPENDABLE

HOME PROs

7 PLUMBING & HEATING
Residential • Commercial • Industrial
**BEC**
Plumbing and Heating, Inc.
FOR ALL YOUR PLUMBING & HEATING NEEDS
SIZEABLE REBATES MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU
CALL US TO DISCUSS HEATING EQUIPMENT UPGRADES
www.becplumbing.com
Warren, MA 413-436-0076 Ware, MA 413-967-0076

8 HOME, YARD, GARAGE
ESTABLISHED 1914
HARDWICK FARMERS CO-OP
Rt. 32, 444 Lower Road, Gilbertville, MA 01031
413-477-6913 • www.hardwickfarmers.net
Open: Mon-Fri 8AM-5PM; Sat 8AM-4PM, Sun 9AM-3PM
For All Your Yard, Garden & Garage Needs
Become A Member & Save Money!

9 SWIMMING POOLS
**P.J.C. POOLS**
108 Main St. (Rt. 32) South Barre
508-882-3913
978-355-6465
VACATION IN YOUR BACKYARD
Two Types of In-Ground/Above Ground Pools
In-Ground Liner Replacements • Heaters
Service • Chemicals & Supplies • Water Testing

GENESIS II E-310 GAS GRILL
\$729.00
SAVE \$50.00 Reg. Price \$799



Assembled iGrill
Other Models Available

S&S APPLIANCE AND TV
447 MAIN ST. ATHOL • (978) 249-7535
Visit Our Website at www.sasappliance.net
Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Sat. 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Closed Sunday
We Service What We Sell • Parts • Service

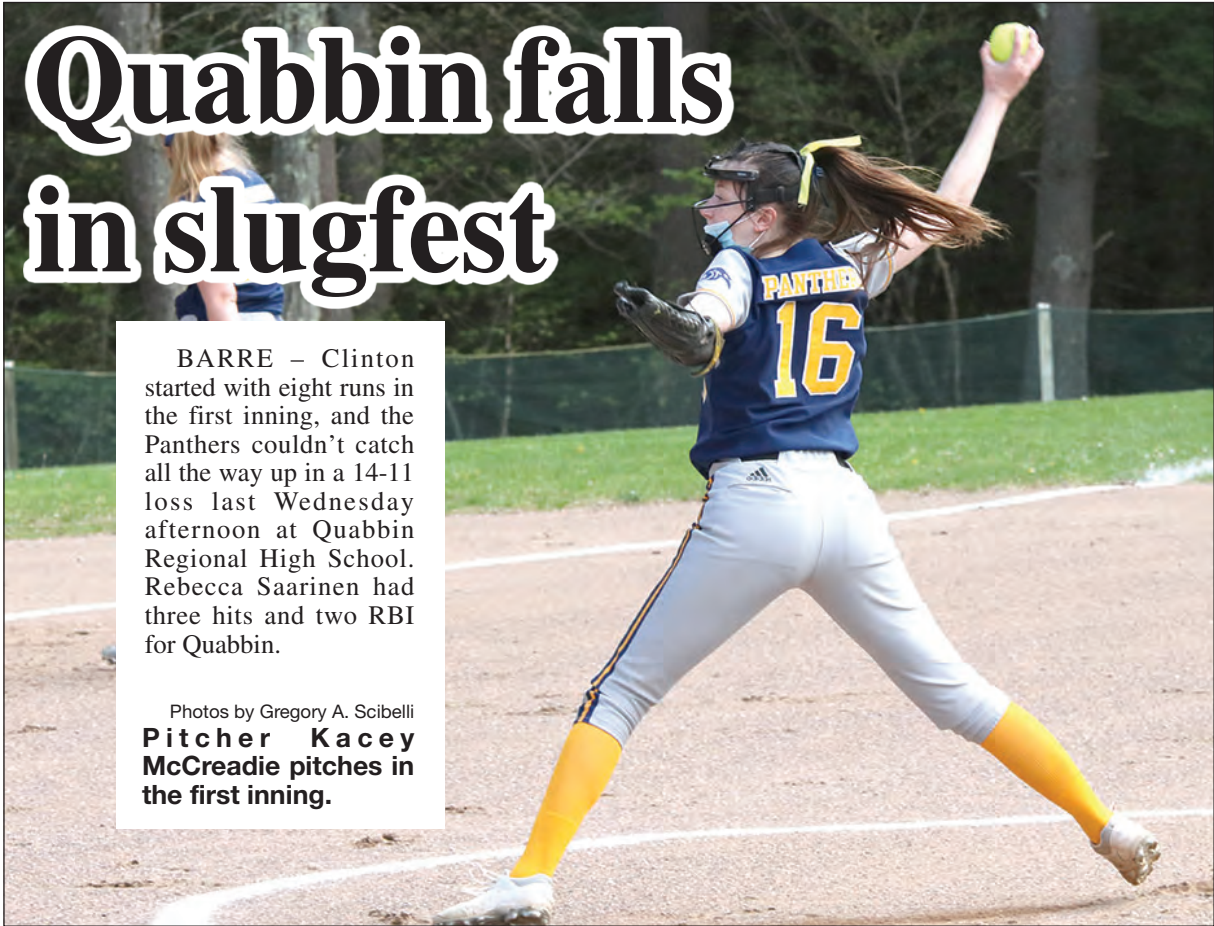
SPORTS



Jordan Blanchard tries to frame a pitch.



Grace Talbot makes contact.



Quabbin falls in slugfest

BARRE – Clinton started with eight runs in the first inning, and the Panthers couldn't catch all the way up in a 14-11 loss last Wednesday afternoon at Quabbin Regional High School. Rebecca Saarinen had three hits and two RBI for Quabbin.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli
Pitcher Kacey McCreadie pitches in the first inning.



Brynn Adams fires a throw back to the infield.



Sydney Giorgi fields a grounder to short.



Meaghan Doyle slides safely into third base.

Pioneers edge Rams



PALMER – Last Friday afternoon, Eathan Farrar's three goals paced Pathfinder to a narrow 4-3 win over visiting Granby. Cody Ferus also scored and Nick Beaulieu had three assists. The Pioneers are 1-2 to start the season.

Max Sanderson starts a rush toward the Granby goal.

Photos by David Henry
www.sweetdogphotos.com
Kiernan Moe receives a pass from the defense.



Cody Ferus shoots ahead of defensive pressure.



Ashton Tebo launches a pass up the field.

Buffone captures first win of season

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Ricky Whipple romped to victory in the 57-lap John Zellman Memorial Pure Stock feature Saturday, May 8, at Monadnock Speedway, however in post-race inspection, Davis was awarded the win.

Cam Curtis flexed his muscles to top the Late Model Sportsman main, with Chris Buffone taking no prisoners en route to the Street Stock victory.

Mini Stock ace Gordon Farmum earned his first victory lap of the season Saturday, while Six Shooter powerhouse Dustin Thibodeau's first career outing on the high banks netted him the win, and Jake Bosse was victorious for the second week in a row in the Young Guns.

Pure Stock powerhouses Chris Davis and Kodi Sabins led the 21-car field to begin the 57-lapper, which would sail by in break-neck fashion, as all 57-circuits around the high banks were run without cautions. Davis was the



Submitted photo
Chris Buffone, of Belchertown, picked up a win in the 25-lap Street Stock event May 8 at Monadnock Speedway.

man on the point for the first 23 go-rounds.

But while Davis was fast, Ricky Whipple was on a rail. Dropping Davis to second on lap 24, he then sped away and hid. Sabins, a distant second with the white flag in the air, suddenly coasted to a stop in the infield, handing the runner-up spot back to Davis, with former Modzman Joey Jarvis completing his charge

from row five to finish third. (in post-race inspection the official top three were Chris Davies, Joey Jarvis and JD Stockwell).

Robert Hagar led early and often in the LMS 25-lapper but, on this night, teen star Cam Curtis had the hot hand. Curtis dropped Hagar to second on lap 18 and pulled away.

See RACING, page 8

Santaniello makes impact in Mutiny's return

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Most college students will usually chill out for the rest of the day after taking a final exam.

That's not exactly what Laura Gouvin, who lives in Monson, did after taking a Spanish final at Boston College last Saturday afternoon.

After finishing the last exam of her freshman year, Gouvin drove about 80 miles west on the Mass. Pike. She arrived at historic Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow about ten minutes prior to the start of the New England Mutiny's season opening match versus the Boston Scorpions S.C., who are first-year member of the United Women's Soccer League.

The Scorpions stunned the Mutiny by scoring a pair of goals during the first ten minutes and



Photos by David Henry www.sweetdogphotos.com
Ludlow's Ela Kopec kicks the ball away.

they held onto the lead for the next 65 minutes.

Gouvin, who's a midfielder, assisted on the Mutiny's first goal of the season which was scored by Agawam native Hope Santaniello,

who's a forward, during the 76th minute.

A minute later, Melina Couzis, who was a senior defender on the

See MUTINY, page 10

Sports

Caroline Castriotta wins conference meet

UTICA, NY – Caroline Castriotta of Barre, a junior at Utica College in New York, took home the gold at the Empire 8 Conference Meet last weekend in Rochester, New York. Despite pouring rain and a cold wind, conditions not ideal for pole vaulting, she managed to clear 10’ to earn her second Empire 8 gold medal. In 2019 she was the Empire 8 100m conference champion.

A 2018 graduate of Quabbin Regional High School, Castriotta was a district champion pole vaulter and a district champion 100m sprinter under Coach Melissa Leslie.

Photos wanted for Panthers sports

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature current athletes, the Barre Gazette is in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of Fall 2 sports

beginning next week. If you are interested in either taking or submitting photos from Quabbin games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com.

Valley Wheel Baseball seeks new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-28 Baseball League is looking for new players for the 2021 season, which is set to begin at the end of April. Players who are 28-years-old prior to June 1 are eligible to play in the league this season, however, only those 30 by June 1 are eligible to pitch. The league includes six teams and there is a 15-game season that begins on Sunday, April 25. Games are 12 Sundays, a special Mother’s Day weekend Saturday game, and two weekday night games under the lights. The season ends the final week of July with the playoffs

for the top four teams during the first two weeks of August. While tryouts have completed, there are still open roster spots among the six teams in the league. The league will continue to accept applications for new players throughout the season. All players bat and every player spends at least four innings in the field in a nine-inning game.

The league will be playing with some minor modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic to start. For more information, please contact League Commissioner Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net.

Education

FSU completes moot court with distinction

FITCHBURG--The American Moot Court Association released its annual rankings of college and universities and again Fitchburg State University is among the top 20 in the U.S.

The moot court competition pits teams of students against one another on opposing sides of a legal case, as in an appellate court proceeding. Students must argue both sides of the case in the course of the competition, making timed arguments as well as fielding questions from a panel of legal experts, as well as submitting written briefs.

Fitchburg State, whose program was founded in 2000 by Professor Paul Weizer of the Economics, History and Political Science Department, has competed with distinction every year.

Professor Weizer noted Fitchburg State is the smallest public institution to crack the top 25 in the nation. “This is a great testament to the hard work of our students and the support of the institution,” he said. “More than 500 teams competed in the last season, and our students were able to excel in all aspects of the activity. We had

two teams qualify for the national tournament in oral advocacy and also had one team earn national recognition in brief writing. While the level of competition continues to rise, our students continue to show great results.”

The American Moot Court Association’s Top Program Scores recognize schools based on their performance in both the AMCA National Tournament Oral Advocacy competition and the AMCA National Tournament Written Brief competition. The scores are weighted at 67 per-

cent for the oral advocacy competition and 33 percent for the written brief competition.

More than 200 Fitchburg State students have competed in the tournament since the local program was founded. Many graduates of the program return to campus each year for the regional tournament on the Fitchburg State campus. Their ranks include police officers, lawyers and court clerks, though Weizer said the skills developed through moot court are applicable far beyond the legal profession.

House earmarks \$50K for new manufacturing program at HCC

HOLYOKE - Rep. Patricia Duffy (D - Holyoke) announces \$50,000 has been earmarked in the House Fiscal Year 2022 budget to seed the development and implementation of a new Manufacturing Training Program at Holyoke Community College.

“Holyoke employers need a trained workforce and Holyoke residents need career-track jobs,” said Duffy. “I’m thrilled to see these local assets of our population and our historical manufacturing base come together and build on each other.”

According to labor and workforce date, 9.7% of jobs in Holyoke are in manufacturing compared to 6.7% statewide. Meanwhile, at 9.9%, the unemployment rate in Holyoke is the second highest in western Massachusetts after Springfield at 11.2%, compared to a statewide rate of 6.6% for March 2021.

“We’re grateful to Rep. Duffy for advocating for this fund-

ing on behalf of the college,” said President Christina Royal. “Manufacturing is an important employment sector in Holyoke and one with deep historical roots. Despite the city’s high unemployment rate, a significant number of manufacturing jobs in Holyoke remain vacant. The purpose of this new program is to increase the number of Holyoke residents working in manufacturing, especially those impacted by poverty, unemployment, and limited educational opportunities.”

The program will serve up to 45 individuals in three cohorts by providing approximately 150 hours of remote and in-person, hands-on training combined with workplace experiential learning.

The three-phase program includes: skills assessments and pre-training focused on workplace readiness in English and basic math, followed by core training in entry-level manufacturing.

The manufacturing component

will include modules in communication, teamwork, customer service, digital literacy, general manufacturing processes and principles; blueprints, dimensions, tolerances, instrumentation and measuring; manufacturing workplace math; lean manufacturing, problem-solving, quality control and workplace safety.

Regional employers will be invited to participate in curriculum design and delivery, as guest speakers, as well as in hosting tours of their facilities when possible. Participants will be connected to area employers and receive job placement assistance through HCC and MassHire Holyoke.

“We believe the program will benefit jobseekers, incumbent workers, and businesses of Holyoke and the region alike,” Royal said. “Ultimately, the goal is to help lift individuals out of poverty and meet the needs of the business community.”

MWCC holds Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society induction

GARDNER – In a virtual ceremony held on Friday, May 7, the Phi Delta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society welcomed seventy-nine new members to its ranks.

The 2021 Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Delta Chapter local inductees are: Brandy Bend, Courtney Blanchette, Damon Charette, Michael Chernoch, Isabel Cochran,

Emily Eubanks, Renatha Eubanks, Brandon Grossi, Liam Petrilli Mayers, Shane Murray, Elizabeth Parisi, Joshua Reynolds, Jessica Romero, Dianna Sue Szabo and Jaelyn Wentworth, all of Barre; Holly Perry of Gilbertville; Jonathan Raskett of Hardwick; Andrea Techera and Joely McKelvie, both of Hubbardston; Kourtney Furtado of New

Braintree; Shari Rodriguez and Shaye McKeen, both of Oakham and James Tirrell of Rutland.

Founded in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) recognizes the academic achievement of community college students and provides members with the opportunity for personal, academic and professional growth through leadership and service.

MEMORIAL DAY SALE - 100s OF DEALS

Over 1,000 ACs in stock

OVER 1,500 BICYCLES IN STOCK

MATTRESS SALE!

TWIN: Reg. \$299
NOW \$179⁹⁹

FULL: Reg. \$499
NOW \$259⁹⁹

QUEEN: Reg. \$599
NOW \$289⁹⁹

1000s OF APPLIANCES

IN STOCK FOR PICKUP OR DELIVERY

GRILL SALE

18 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR
Reg. 1799⁹⁹
\$699⁹⁹

SIDE BY SIDE STAINLESS STEEL REFRIGERATOR
Reg. 1899⁹⁹
\$1099⁹⁹

KITCHENAID DISHWASHER
Reg. 1899⁹⁹
\$799⁹⁹

OVER THE RANGE MICROWAVE OVEN
Reg. 1219⁹⁹
\$188⁹⁹

GE STAINLESS SMOOTH TOP STOVE
Reg. 1499⁹⁹
\$599⁹⁹

DELUXE ELECTRIC DRYER
Reg. 1499⁹⁹
\$849⁹⁹

FAMOUS MAKER GAS OR ELECTRIC RANGE
Reg. 1499⁹⁹
\$449⁹⁹

DELUXE TOP LOAD WASHER
Reg. 1499⁹⁹
\$479⁹⁹

MAYTAG TOP WASHER
Reg. 1499⁹⁹
\$659⁹⁹

5 CU FT CHEST FREEZER
Reg. 1499⁹⁹
\$199⁹⁹

GE TOP LOAD WASHER
Reg. 1499⁹⁹
\$699⁹⁹

DELUXE DISHWASHER
Reg. 1399⁹⁹
\$349⁹⁹

100s of FREEZERS IN STOCK!

TV SALE

75" LG Reg. \$899.99 \$349.99

65" TV Reg. \$399.99 \$369.99

65" LG Reg. \$699.99 \$549.99

43" LG Reg. \$399.99 \$339.99

32" Smart TV Reg. \$169.99 \$139.99

50" LG Reg. \$799.99 \$349.99

66" LG Reg. \$1999.99 \$1799.99

KAYAKS IN STOCK

PRICES GOOD WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

INSTANT FINANCING UP TO \$10,000

Check www.whitcosales.com for special coupons

WHITCO

Mon-Fri. 10-6; Sat. 9-6; Sun. 10-7

140 Main St., Spencer, MA

508-885-9343

GARDEN continued from page 4

overwinter your tubers that maintain 40 to 50 degrees temps and 90% humidity. These conditions will keep them dormant and healthy until it is time to replant. Many people have good luck using a cold basement or root cellar; small quantities of tubers can be stored in the crisper drawer of the refrigerator. Placing tubers in damp peat moss, saw dust, shredded leaves or even ventilated plastic bags will help to prevent shriveling. Be sure to check on your tubers every cou-

ple of weeks throughout the off-season. Should you see shriveling, mist them with clean water and re-dampen the medium in which they were placed. If you see mold, bring down the temperature and humidity level.

Some dahlias like to get a jumpstart on the season by prestarting dahlias indoors. We have done this occasionally at Old Sturbridge Village, and I am always amazed at just how fast the plants grow, and how quickly they outgrow their pots and become leggy. If you attempt it, four weeks prior to the last spring frost would be soon

enough.

It’s my hope that you will venture into the land of dahlia growing and love it as much as I do!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.

Parents, Grandparents & Friends

SPECIAL

Class of 2021

HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE

Honor Your Class of 2021 Graduate

We are offering a great deal for you to celebrate your graduate in your community graduation issue.

Submit a photo and a brief message.

2 x 3 Black & White Graduation Ad

Regular Price \$65.00

SPECIAL \$45.00

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION May 26th

EMAIL YOUR AD TO: tmara@turley.com

MAIL YOUR AD WITH PAYMENT TO: Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069

Pay by check or credit card: Checks Payable to Turley Publications, Credit Cards be sure to include: Paper, Name, Address, Phone, Credit Card Number, Exp. Date & CVV

2 x 3 Advertisement

Congratulations Carrie Smith

We are so very proud of you and your accomplishments.

Good luck at Springfield College.

Love Dad, Mom & John

RACING continued from page 7

Hagar finished strong, though, sailing to the runner-up finish ahead of the Bay State Curtis twins, Chase and Jaret. Cole Littlewood was fifth.

Chris Buffone, who’d struggled on opening night, put all his ills behind him Saturday. Starting up front, he led all the way in the 25-lap Street Stock feature to finish well ahead of strong and steady runner-up Nathan Wenzel.

Alstead, N.H. hot shoe Rupert Murdoch came home third, just ahead of Hillary Renaud and Tim Wenzel. Opening night winner Tommy O’Sullivan – Buffone’s uncle – took the night off.

In the Mini Stocks, it was four-holer star Gordon Farnum leading all the way. Opening night winner Ray King kept Farnum in sight but had no answer for the Fitzwilliam hot shoe. Kevin Cormier came home third, just ahead of Louie Maher and division rookie Mike Douglas.

Travis Hollis led the first 21 laps of the Six Shooter main, but Claremont kingpin Dustin Thibodeau, in his first-ever Monadnock run, used the high groove to finally take control and top the division’s first feature race of the season. It was Thibodeau’s second victory of the weekend.

Hollis was strong in second, with Brandon Mailhot steady for third. Hollis and Mailhot were the earlier qualifying race winners.

Jake Bosse made it two in a row in the novice Young Guns. Fast Eddie Petruskevicius earned the runner-up hardware, with Jeff Moffat third. Leilei Daniels won Saturday’s Young Gun heat race.

Monadnock Speedway will return to

action next Saturday, May 15, with a full card of NHSTRA racing, featuring the mighty Modifieds’ third outing of the season.. For more information, please visit www.monadnockspeedway.com.

Monadnock Speedway May 8 results:

Street Stocks: Christopher Buffone, Nathan Wenzel, 88-Hillary Renaud, Timothy Wenzel, Paul Smith, Nathaniel Nunez, Keith Johnson, Isabella Michella

Late Model Sportsman: Camdyn Curtis, Robert Hagar, Chase Curtis, Jaret Curtis, Justin Littlewood, Austin Brehio, Tyler Lescord, Cole Littlewood, William Kuhn, Kevin Vaudrien, Nancy Muni Ruot, Daniel Comeau, Rocky Smith, Ryan Currier, Scott Beck

Mini Stocks: Gordon Farnum, Raymond King, Kevin Cormier, Louie Maher, Michael Douglas, Ethan Marsh, Jeff Asselin, Kevin McKnight, William Chaffee, Trevor Carey, Patrick Houle , Jake Puchalski, Matthew Lambert, Adam Sprague, Tim LeBlanc, Josh Wright, Kevin Clayton

Young Guns: Jake Bosse, Edward Petruskevicius, Jeffrey Moffat Jr, Leilei Daniels, Aaliyah Tacy

Six Shooters: Dustin Thibodeau, Travis Hollins, Brandon Mailhot, Chris Hadley, Micheal Yeaton, Bucky Thibodeau, Maxwell Chaput, Jeremy Blood, Chooch Snide], Paul Colburn, John Thibodeau

Pure Stocks: Chris Davis, Joseph Jarvis, JD Stockwell, Jason LeRay, David Stone Jr, Kodi Sabins, Jake Bosse, Ken LaFont, Cory Lofland, Damien Houle, James Zellman Sr, Brittany Patnode, Brianna Patnode, Ryan Lawliss, James Zellman, Kyle Robinson Newell, Nicholas Houle, Chris Higbee, Carter Chamberlin, William Graham

NBSB holds pet supply drive

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield Savings Bank kicked-off Spring with their first ever pet supply drive. All donations will directly support Second Chance Animal Services, a community-based, non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare.

This drive, which ran at all North Brookfield Savings Bank locations from April 1 through April 30 collected over 730 items, including over 200 pounds of dry pet food from community members and employees. Not only has North Brookfield Savings Bank recently made their annual contribution to help Second Chance defray the cost of fundraising events, but the bank also partnered with Second Chance by sponsoring this Pet Supply Drive to benefit the organization.

“It’s amazing that North Brookfield Savings Bank’s fundraiser for Second Chance was so

successful, we greatly appreciate the assistance” said Second Chance development director, Lindsay Doray. “Throughout the pandemic, citizens and businesses alike have been amazingly generous. We continue to be so grateful for all of North Brookfield Savings Bank’s continued support.”

“North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to continue our partnership with the Second Chance Animal Services,” said Marco Bernasconi Jr., North Brookfield Savings Bank president. “It is an unfortunate truth that many people struggle to afford Vet Care, Pet Food and other Resources for their pets, often having to make the difficult choice between expenses. heating their homes, feeding their family, or other important needs. Every donation received, no matter what amount, will help local pets in need.”

North Brookfield Savings Bank

is committed to supporting their local communities, expressed in two of the bank’s core values as “Support Our Communities” and “Share Kindness.” Acts of kindness and generosity are contagious and spread far beyond the first action. North Brookfield Savings Bank is proud to be that partner not just now but for years to come.

Second Chance Animal Services, founded in 1999 is a non-profit animal welfare organization. Today, Second Chance has grown to operate veterinary hospitals in North Brookfield, Springfield and Worcester. They help over 40,000 pets annually through their various programs such as spay/neuter clinics, adoption services, community education and outreach, training, and pet food pantry, just to name a few. For more information about Second Chance Animal Services or to donate, visit <https://www.secdonchanceanimals.org/>

RAIL STUDY continued from page 1

nearly an hour off the Springfield-Boston trip, enable at least 10 round trips per day, and provide comfort and reliability,” according to the report.

“In Boston, the train would stop not only at South Station, with its instant connections to the Red and Silver Lines and much of downtown accessible on foot, but at the key destinations of Back Bay, the Longwood Medical Area (Lansdowne Station), and the future multi-modal hub at West Station. Together, the East-West Line and the completed Hartford Line would reconstitute a 21st-century version of the old Inland Route—regular train service from Boston to New York via Worcester, Springfield, Hartford, and New Haven—which the region has lacked for decades. It would create a regional network of great versatility and economic potential, combining intercity service all along the corridor with high-frequency, transit-like service in the Hartford-Springfield core.”

An economic driver

At a press conference last week at Springfield Union Station, U.S. Rep. Richard E. Neal and Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Executive Director Kimberly H. Robinson seized on the report as further evidence that a Biden administration infrastructure proposal should include more than \$1 billion for the East-West line. Biden’s infrastructure wish list is reportedly under negotiations among congressional leaders, but there’s been no date set for public hearings.

In the meantime, Neal, who pledged last fall to fight for the project, laid out at the press conference part of his argument on why Western Mass needs a new, expansive commuter rail.

“In the Hartford-Springfield area (there is) a population of 1.6 million people, regional gross domestic product of over \$20 billion, 20 colleges and universities, two historic downtowns and New England’s second-largest airport, in which I believe seven million people ventured through last year,” Neal said.

“This confirms what many of us have thought about what improved rail service could do for the Springfield-Hartford-Worcester-New Haven areas, in terms of not

just geography, but in terms of investment as well.”

Robinson also considers the report validation.

“In so many ways the findings of this study confirmed what we ourselves have known here for decades,” Robinson said. “Regions that are connected by rail to major economic hubs such as Boston and New York City are thriving, while underserved communities like ours have lagged behind. We now know what the lack of rail has cost us economically and this trend simply cannot continue.”

Key findings

According to the report, the “Metro Hartford-Springfield” region would rank among the 40 largest in the U.S. “Yet the Hartford-Springfield economy is isolated and lagging” because of gaps in the mass transit network. Filling those gaps, the report asserts, would transform the region. Its key findings include:

- Up to 40,000 jobs in information, finance, and professional services “which have fueled growth elsewhere in the Northeast” can be attracted over time to this region.
- Between New Haven and Worcester, the Inland Route rail improvements would serve 16 existing and future stations. Recent and planned development in these station areas suggests a strong market of interconnected residential communities, employment centers, and public destinations.
- Aggregate station area potential has capacity for about 20 million square feet of commercial development and 30,000 housing units.

“Together, these two outcomes – the gradual attraction of 20,000-40,000 ‘missing’ professional service jobs and the construction of station-area development – account for an estimated \$47 to \$84 billion in directly-generated regional GDP over 30 years, including \$27 to \$48 billion in wages. An additional \$15 to \$21 billion of indirect and induced GDP is estimated as well,” according to the report.

“If you can commute easily between Hartford and Springfield, or live in Windsor Locks and work in Worcester, or live in Holyoke and work in Hartford or New Haven; or if you can run a business in Springfield and routinely make day trips to New York or Stamford or Boston; or if your business at Bradley International Airport can attract workers from Wallingford

and Palmer—all by train, without the expense of car ownership or the future roadway congestion that will come with growth— that’s a competitive advantage for the region,” the report states.

Boost for Palmer

The town of Palmer, which would return to its roots as a commuter rail hub, figures prominently in the report.

“A historic industrial community known as ‘the Town of Seven Railroads,’ Palmer is still a rail crossroads, where the CSX and Central Vermont intersect in Depot Village. Both lines are busy freight carriers, and Amtrak’s Lakeshore Limited passes through, but does not stop, on the CSX track. Union Station, an H. H. Richardson original building, lives on as a restaurant and landmark,” the report says.

“While Depot Village is largely built out at the scale of a small town center, there is ample underutilized land available. Palmer’s Community Plan identifies Depot Village, as well as an expanse of undeveloped woodland along Route 32 just north of the village, as strategic development sites. Palmer’s location in the regional mobility network amplifies its potential from a commercial/industrial as well as a residential standpoint. Depot Village adjoins the only Massachusetts Turnpike exit in a 24-mile stretch, and three regional highways, Routes 20, 32, and 181, intersect here. Palmer is the gateway to a 21-town area that includes the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Developable land is inexpensive.”

Echoing arguments local rail proponents have been making for years, the report seeks to hone the message that an East-West line benefits essentially everyone.

“Households, businesses, and governments are connected in a complex web of interdependent relationships based on producing, selling, purchasing, and taxing goods and services,” it says.

“An initial change in one of these creates ripple effects through the others. Initial impacts tend to create revenues at other firms and employment for residents and associated income, as well as tax revenues to state and local governments referred to as fiscal impacts.”

Reporter Jonah Snowden contributed to this story.

NEXT STEP continued from page 2

(Haleigh Nye, Maddy Ewing, Hannah Zeretski, Sophia Pascale, Addison Surprenant, Ellie Poulin, and Abraham Brown all of Barre, Fred Schaaf of Hardwick, Kayleigh Fuller of Oakham, Lucia Howard, Siena Howard and Anna Metcalf of New Braintree, Hailey Stoll of North Brookfield and Madison Lyden of Petersham) performed routines in every genre from Hip Hop to Contemporary. Eleven of the fourteen juniors presented a five-minute, multi-song musical theater number with a “Little Mermaid” theme, featuring Madison Lyden as Ariel, Addison Surprenant as Flounder and Sophia Pascale as Sebastian. This group placed first in their division both weekends and earned Pascale a convention scholarship at The Royal Dance Competition for the fall of 2021.

Fred Schaaf was given a special judge award and earned first place for his debut comedic character solo, “The Nerds Words.”

Pascale, Stoll, Surprenant and Poulin earned second place in their division for their musical theater jazz routine “New Girls,” a routine performed as a five-year anniversary celebration of NSSPA (original-

ly scheduled for the studio’s fifth year anniversary recital in 2020 that was canceled). The highlight of the routine was when Poulin’s hairpiece of fake curls (commonly used in dance and cheer) went flying off her head at just the right moment, resulting in peels of laughter from her team, her teachers and of course, the judges.

The Teen Dance Team Lyndsie Savage, Andrea Zeretski, Jenna Nadeau, and Kelsey Marsh (all of Barre) and Senior Dance Team Olivia Pascale, Emma Langlier, and Brianna Pasacle (also all from Barre), Cody Douglas, and Lexie Lyden earned numerous high scores and high placements over both weekends.

A mix of the teen and senior teams, with the addition of junior Sophia Pascale, won first place at TRDC in their division for a theatrical swing tap routine.

Both the teens and seniors submitted separate Hip Hop routines, choreographed by primary instructor, Gina Pascale of Barre. Both groups received special judges awards for performance value at their first event.

Teen Hip Hop placed first in their division both weekends. The senior’s Hip Hop routine was only beat by their own numbers - their lyrical dance to the PTX arrange-

ment of “Mary Did You Know” and a full teen and senior team musical theater group to “One Short Day” from Wicked, featuring Olivia Pascale as Elphaba and Lexie Lyden as Glinda. “One Short Day” took first place at both events.

Nadeau and Marsh won first place in the teen division both weekends with their captivating contemporary duet, “Half Of Me”.

Lyden and Langer performed a whimsical high energy musical theater duet portraying Alice and The Mad Hatter, earning 3rd place at TRDC and 2nd at SDA.

The studio as a whole received the TRDC 2021 “Passion Award” that is given to one studio who demonstrates on and off stage that being on a dance team is about more than just dance - that joy, kindness, teamwork and friendship will be standing strong after the glitter fades.

All these amazing performers will be taking these numbers and more to the stage for the last time on Saturday, May 22 for NSSPA’s final run of their spring recital season. The recital will take place at the beautiful 500 seat Ja’ Duke Center for the Performing Arts in Turners Falls. Tickets will be available to the public for purchase at www.NSPPerformingArts.com on May 18.

Church News

Interfaith Memorial Day Service set for Sunday, May 30

IPETERSHAM – The Interfaith Memorial Day Worship Service will be held at the Orthodox Congregational Church at 10:30 am on Sunday, May 30 at 21 South Main St. Orthodox Congregational Pasteo Tim Sweeney and Rev. Inanna Arthen from the First Congregational Parish Unitarian Petersham will preside over the service. Bob Lemoine will play the organ and direct the choir.

A Raising of the Flag ceremony is scheduled at 10:15 a.m. on the front lawn. All are welcome to attend and honor the military, both past and present and all other organizations in the surrounding towns, whose members give of themselves to protect the public, including the police, firefighters, EMTs, and Councils on Aging.

The collection will be taken on behalf of the Petersham Interfaith Emergency Fund to support those in need. Members of the



Turley Publications Photo by Genevieve Fraser

An Interfaith Memorial Day Service is scheduled for Sunday, May 30 at the Orthodox Congregational Church in Petersham and will include from left, Rev. Inanna Arthen, First Congregational Parish Unitarian Petersham; Kay Berry and Janice Olson.

Petersham Interfaith Committee include Kay Berry, Janice Olson and Genevieve Fraser.

The service will be available on ZOOM by visiting www.zoom.com.

us on a computer or tablet. At the top of the page, click on JOIN A MEETING. When asked for your meeting ID enter 813 1642 9024. The passcode is 483049.

Tri-Parish to hold plant, bake, tag and craft sale

HARDWICK – Tri-Parish Community Church annual plant, bake, tag, and craft sale will be held Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Hardwick Common.

There will be flowering and vegetable plants, homemade baked goods, home crafted

goods and tag sale treasures. Plants include perennials from Inishowen Farm and Chicken Feather Farm along with the ever-popular “home grown lovelies” and vegetable plants from Stillman’s Farm. This year there will also offer baked potatoes with a choice of fixings on

Saturday.

There will be a brief prayer service Sunday at 9:45 a.m. on the Hardwick Common in lieu of the 10 a.m. Sunday worship service at the Gilbertville Trinitarian Congregational Church. This is a rain or shine event.

Local pastor offers sermon

Names and Titles of Jesus Pt. 5

The Bible employs an array of names and titles used in reference to Jesus. Each provides insight into His nature and work. Moreover, each helps us to understand the role He should and must play in our lives, shaping how we live before Him. Let us conclude this series by considering the following designations of Christ:

1) Heir of All Things Hebrews 1:1-3 (NIV)

1 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. 3 The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 1:2 identifies Jesus as the “heir of all things.” Everything that exists belongs to and shall ultimately come under the full control of the Son of God at His Return. This inheritance is the privilege of Christ as the “firstborn” (Col. 1:15-18) and “only begotten” of the Father (John 3:16), as we touched upon last week. Christ will come again to take possession of all that is His! Daniel foretold of this forthcoming event millennia ago:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

9 As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

10 A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

13 In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

To what degree are you prepared for His coming kingdom? To what degree is your life under His dominion in the here and now? If you cannot positively answer such questions, there is no better time than now to make things right with God.

2) Head

Colossians 1:15-18

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

What does it mean that Christ is the “head?”

Headship speaks to the supremacy and leadership of Jesus. Because He is the “only begotten” and the “firstborn” of God, He is to be the source of all decision-making, authority and control in our lives. In addition to Jesus being the creator and sustainer of all things (v. 17), all believers are to operate under His dominion (v. 18). To what degree is Christ your “head?” I posit that you cannot know Christ as Savior apart from confessing Him as Lord. This principle was

established by the apostle Paul in his letter to the ancient church at Rome:

Romans 10:9

9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Moreover, Christ Himself touched upon this principle with the following rhetorical question.

Luke 6:46

46 “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

There is no benefit in professing faith in Christ if that faith is not evidenced by corresponding obedience (James 2:14-26). Let us give ourselves to the Lord in faith, allowing Him, as our “head” to work in and through us mightily.

In recent weeks we have addressed Jesus as the Almighty, the Alpha and the Omega, the Amen, the Judge, the Bright Morning Star, our Apostle, Advocate, Forerunner, the Only Begotten Son and Firstborn of the Father, and more! Today we have considered Christ Jesus as the Heir of All Things and the Head of the People of God. Ultimately, it is my prayer that these lessons have informed and impacted you, that you might know Him more fully, enjoy Him more intimately, and serve Him more diligently. Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us in person each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. (COVID-19 protocols are presented on our website). We hope to see you soon.

Pastor James Foley

New Life Assembly of God
60 Main St. South Barre,
jamesfoley@newlifebarre.org
978-355-6407



WE SERVICE ALL MAJOR BRAND APPLIANCES


NAME BRAND APPLIANCES & TV'S AT WAREHOUSE PRICES

287 Main Street Gardner 978-632-0241

Our advertisers make this publication possible.

Let them know you saw their ad in the

Barre Gazette



1158 Main Street Holden 508.829.4434

100 Worcester Road Sterling 978.422.0100

800-983-4434

www.milesfuneralhome.com

MILES FUNERAL HOMES


Honoring Lives ~ Celebrating Memories

Family Owned and Operated

Nationally recognized as a Selected Independent Funeral Home with the highest ethical and professional standards.




Richard Mansfield
Director



Ricky Mansfield
Director



BBB Award Recipient



Public Notices

**BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 8:15 p.m.** in the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, or via Zoom to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-33 Natural Resource Protection Zoning (NRPZ).

A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or via Zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Douglas Martin
Chairman

05/13, 05/20/2021

**BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:55 p.m.** in the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, or via Zoom to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-34 Rural Siting Principles.

A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or via Zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Douglas Martin
Chairman

05/13, 05/20/2021

**BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:35 p.m.** in the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, and via Zoom to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-36 Accessory Apartments.

A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or via Zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Douglas Martin
Chairman

05/13; 05/20/2021

**BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 8:05 p.m.** in the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, or via Zoom to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-37 Rate of Development Bylaw.

A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or via Zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Douglas Martin
Chairman

05/13, 05/20/2021

**ZONING
BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Barre Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** requested by The Caregiver-Patient Connection LLC/ UTR Property, LLC by: Blatman, Bobrowski & Haverty, LLC for an administrative appeal of the building commissioner's determination that the expanded use of a marijuana establishment requires a special permit pursuant to Zoning Bylaw Section 140-11.2.A.(3) for property located at 295 Vernon Avenue, Assessors Map H, Lot 466. Recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 46711, Page 261.

Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the virtual hearing or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street – Suite 5, Barre, MA or contact the Boards' Office at 978-355-5000 ext. 7.

Joshua Smith
Chairman

05/13, 05/20/2021

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Budget Review
TOWN OF BARRE**

The Town of Barre will hold a Budget Hearing for the Annual Town Meeting on **Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00** in the evening at the Barre Senior Center at 557 South Barre Road.

05/20, 05/27/2021

**BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Barre Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:45 p.m.** in the Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road, or via Zoom to amend the Code of the Town of Barre, by adding a new section; 140-35 Driveways, Common Driveways, and Flexible Frontage.

A copy of which is on file with the Planning Board Office. Anyone wishing to comment on this matter should attend the hearing or via Zoom or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Douglas Martin
Chairman

05/13, 05/20/2021

**Legal Notice
FY2022 Fuel Bids**

Legal Notice Town of New Braintree, MA is seeking FY 2022 Invitation for Bids for Fuel in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, §5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on May 17, 2021 in the Executive Secretary's Office, 20 Memorial Drive New Braintree, MA 01531. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked **"FY22 Fuel Bids,"** and are due no later than **2:00 p.m. on June 28, 2021** in the Executive Secretary's Office, Town Hall- 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531. The contact person is Kristen Thacker, Executive secretary, 508-867-2071 x

100 or selectboard@newbraintree.org . The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.
05/13, 05/20/2021

**BARRE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, The Wetlands Protection Act, that a public meeting will be held on a **Request for Determination of Applicability** requested by TEC Associates for Massachusetts Central Railroad Right-of-Way vegetation control.

From: TEC Associates
46 Sawyer Street
South Portland, ME
04106

To be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conservation Commission Office, Third Floor, of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA 01005.

Ronald Rich
Chairman

05/20/2021

**Town of Barre
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Establishment of
Liquor License**

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Monday, June 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA on a proposed establishment of an All Alcohol

Common Victualler License for April Adams dba Pie Town LLC for premises located at 2 Common Street, Barre, MA. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing.

For the Board of Selectmen:

Jessica Sizer
Town Administrator

05/20, 05/27/2021

Legal Notice

FY2022 Road Materials Bid
Legal Notice Town of New Braintree, MA is seeking FY 2022 Invitation for Bids for Road Materials in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, §5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on May 17, 2021 in the Executive Secretary's Office, 20 Memorial Drive New Braintree, MA 01531. Bids must be sealed and clearly marked **"FY22 Road Materials Bid,"** and are due no later than **2:00 p.m. on June 28, 2021** in the Executive Secretary's Office, Town Hall- 20 Memorial Drive, New Braintree, MA 01531. The contact person is Kristen Thacker, Executive Secretary 508-867-2071 x 100 or selectboard@newbraintree.org . The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.
05/13, 05/20/2021

Public Safety

Rutland Police Log

Sunday, May 2

6:07 p.m. Disorderly Conduct Miles Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Sevastian R. Ostman, 19, Rutland
Strangulation or Suffocation; Assault and Battery; Disorderly Conduct; Disturbing the Peace; Resist Arrest; Assault and Battery on Police Officer
6:34 p.m. Sick/Unknown Main Street – Services Rendered

Monday, May 3

3:38 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Miles Road – Vehicle Towed
Summons: Samuel O. Asare, 30, Worcester
Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Uninsured Motor Vehicle
5:03 p.m. Falls North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital
11:13 p.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Bullard Road – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, May 4

7:44 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems North Brookfield Road – Transported to Hospital
10:41 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Maple Avenue – Citation Issued
3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/

Fire Main Street – Ambulance Signed Refusal
9:12 p.m. Harassment Maple Avenue – Call Transferred

Wednesday, May 5

4:28 p.m. Abdominal/Back Pain Barre Road – Transported to Hospital
8:18 p.m. Prowler/Trespasser Sunnyside Avenue – Officer Advised

Thursday, May 6

8:33 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop East County Road – Written Warning
8:58 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning
9:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Written Warning
9:34 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pleasantdale Road – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Anthony R. Tizzano, Jr., 61, Worcester
License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Lights Violation, Motor Vehicle
11:22 a.m. Missing Person Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party
7:06 p.m. Vandalism Wachusett Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, May 7

6:59 a.m. Sick/Unknown Main Street

– Transported to Hospital
8:10 a.m. Larceny/Theft Main Street – Officer Advised
8:39 a.m. Unattended Death Barre Road – Report Filed
1:46 p.m. Unconscious/ Unresponsive/Syncope Scott Road – Transported to Hospital
3:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Richards Avenue – Prisoner Bailed
Arrest: James E. Woodbury, 45, Rutland
Drug, Posses Class A; License Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With, Subsequent Offense; Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Passing Violation; Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; Registration Suspended, Operate Motor Vehicle With
10:59 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Pommogussett Road – Criminal Complaint

Saturday, May 8

3:02 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision/ Fire Pleasantdale Road – Vehicle Towed
8:54 a.m. Property Damage Prouty Lane – Report Filed
8:55 a.m. Sick/Unknown Clearview Road – Transported to Hospital

MUTINY continued from page 7

UConn women's soccer team this past spring, netted the equalizer for the Mutiny and the match ended in a 2-2 draw.

"Even though I only played a couple of games for the Mutiny in 2019, I really love being a member of this soccer club," said Gouvin. "This stadium is very close to my hometown and I'm really looking forward to playing a full season with the Mutiny this year."

Gouvin and several of her teammates have never lost a regular season match while wearing a Mutiny uniform. The last time they suffered a regular season loss was during 2018 season. The Mutiny played their home matches at several different fields that season before moving into Lusitano Stadium at the start of the 2019 campaign.

"This stadium is the best home field in our entire league," said second-year Mutiny head coach Jeb Booth. "No other team has the same type of soccer culture that we do here. It's a little disappointing that the concession building wasn't open yet because we can't socialize with the players and their families following the match. It's all about the relationship with me."

The Mutiny finished the 2019 regular season with an 8-0-2 mark

before falling to the Lancaster Inferno in the U.W.S. Eastern Conference Finals. The Mutiny players waited more than 670 days before playing another match because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Booth wasn't very concerned after watching his team fall behind by two goals early in the match.

"I always believe that we will win every match," said Booth, who also coaches the Fitchburg State University women's soccer team. "I believe in them as a team and as players, so I don't get nervous about things very often."

The Scorpions are coached by Evan Burokas, who was a member of the Western Mass. Pioneers from 2012-2019. He also played for the Western Mass Professional team in 2015.

"None of my players had ever played a soccer match at this stadium before tonight," Burokas said. "I told them what this stadium represents to the community and what it means to play here. It was very special for me to have my team here for the first time. We did take an early 2-0 lead, but we knew it was going to be a tough game. They just kept pressing us."

There are a couple of other connections between the Scorpions and the Mutiny.

Booth has coached several of the Scorpions ENCL regional teams for more than ten years.

Lauren Berman, who's currently a Mutiny midfielder, played for the Scorpions youth teams from U-8 to U-18. Just like Gouvin, Berman played college soccer at Boston College. She also played for a professional soccer club in Hungary for two seasons and is currently the soccer operations coordinator for the women's soccer team

at Harvard University.

The Scorpions took a 1-0 lead when forward Kristi Vierra lofted a shot from the left side of the box into the upper right corner over the head of Mutiny goalkeeper Caitlin Murphy.

Then forward Meg Hughes scored a breakthrough goal giving the Scorpions a 2-0 advantage seven minutes into the season opener.

Another Monson resident listed on this year's Mutiny roster is midfielder Lily Fabian, who's a first-year member of the team. Fabian, who plays college soccer at UMass-Lowell, took the Mutiny's first shot on goal that was saved by Scorpion's goalie Kayla Thompson, who was replaced at the start of the second half by Skylar Kuzmich.

The Mutiny also changed goalies during the second half.

Ela Kopec, who was starting goalie for the Ludlow girls' varsity soccer team last fall, replaced Murphy.

During the 76th minute, Santaniello, who'll be a member of the U.R.I. women's soccer team in the fall, received a pass from Gouvin and put a shot into the net.

"I saw that Laura had the ball, but I didn't really know if she was going to make a pass or take a shot," Santaniello said. "She made the pass to me and I just poked it into the net with my toe. It felt great after scoring that goal."

After stealing a pass from a defender, Couzis scored the tying goal a minute later.

Kopec, who'll be a freshman member of the Villanova women's soccer team in the fall, made an outstanding diving save, which kept the score tied.

"Caitlyn played well, and our plan was to change goalies in the second half," Booth said. "Ela also played very well. She has good hands and has the potential to be an outstanding goalkeeper."

The other local players listed on the Mutiny gameday roster were Trystin Burger (Granby), Jocelyn Trajkovski (Ludlow), and Lydia Kinsman (Southwick).

The Mutiny will be looking to celebrate their first victory of the season when they host the Connecticut Rush at 7p.m. on Saturday night.

**Our advertisers
make this
publication
possible.**

*Let them know you
saw their ad in the*

Barre Gazette

EARLY DEADLINES

In observance of Memorial Day,
there will be an
EARLY AD DEADLINE
To advertise,
place your ad no later than NOON

Friday, May 28

– Thank you!

A TURLEY PUBLICATION
www.turley.com

EARLY DEADLINES

In observance of Memorial Day,
PUBLIC NOTICES
EARLY AD DEADLINE
Place your public notice
no later than NOON

Friday, May 28

– Thank you!

Classifieds

12 WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS | SERVING 50 LOCAL COMMUNITIES

A TURLEY PUBLICATION | www.turley.com

COMMUNITY MARKETPLACE

Call us at 413.283.8393

FOR SALE

ANTIQUE AND PERIOD CHAIRS
– Restored with new woven seats – Many styles and weaves available. Call (413)289-6670

CLOTHING MUST sell as a lot! FOR the petite sophisticate! All are large to 2xl. Four leather coats, different lengths, and winter parker (\$30.00 each). Around 100 Alfred Dunner Sweaters. Many beautiful tops, combos. SPLIT WITH YOUR FRIENDS!!! (413)283-3420 after 2pm

DISH TV - \$59.99 For 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-877-925-7371

ESTATE SALE

Estate Sale Everything must go. 9am-5pm Saturday-Sunday 05/22-05/23. 52 Washington Rd., Brimfield

FIREWOOD

FIREWOOD
Fresh cut & split \$170.00
Seasoned cut & split \$200.00
All hardwood.

Tree length available
*Also have seasoned softwood for outdoor boilers (Cheap). Quality & volumes **guaranteed!!** New England Forest Products (413)477-0083

!!!!FRESH CUT FIREWOOD!!!!
Over a cord guaranteed. Cut, Split, Prompt delivery. Call D & D Cordwood (413)348-4326.

FOR SALE

MISCELLANEOUS

A PLACE FOR MOM. The nation's largest senior living referral service. Contact our trusted, local experts to day! Our service is FREE/no obligation. CALL 1-855-799-4127

DEALING WITH WATER DAMAGE requires immediate action. Local professionals that respond immediately. Nationwide and 24/7. No Mold Calls. 1-800-506-3367

DO YOU HAVE chronic knee or back pain? If you have insurance, you may qualify for the perfect brace at little to no cost. Get yours today! Call 1-800-217-0504

INVENTORS - FREE INFORMATION PACKAGE Have your product idea developed affordably by the Research & Development pros and presented to manufacturers. Call 855-380-5976 for a free idea starter guide. Submit your idea for a free consultation.

LIFE ALERT. 24/7. One press of a button sends help FAST! Medical, Fire, Burglar. Even if you can't reach a phone! FREE brochure. CALL 800-457-1917

MOBILEHELP, AMERICA'S PREMIER MOBILE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM. Whether you're Home or Away. For Safety and Peace of Mind. No Long Term Contracts! Free Brochure! Call Today! 1-844-892-1017

OXYGEN-ANYTIME. ANYWHERE. No tanks to refill. No deliveries. Only 2.8 pounds! FAA approved! FREE info kit. Call 1-855-917-4693

SERVICES

PROMOTE YOUR PRODUCT, service or business to 1.7 million households throughout New England. Reach 4 million potential readers quickly and inexpensively with great results. Use the Buy New England Classified Ad Network by calling (413)283-8393, classifieds@turley.com. Do they work? You are reading one of our ads now!! Visit our website to see where your ads run communitypapersne.com

STAY IN YOUR HOME longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bath-tub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-866-945-3783.

STOP STRUGGLING ON THE STAIRS. Give your life a lift with an ACORN STAIRLIFT! Call now for \$250. OFF your stairlift purchase and FREE DVD & brochure! 1-844-325-8610

TAG SALE

EVERYTHING MUST GO! Lifetime Collection of Dolls & Accessories. May 20th-21st 10-4pm. May 22nd 10-2pm. 537 Northampton St., Holyoke, Rain/Shine

HUGE TAG SALE Union Church 51 Center St., Ludlow May 22 8am-3pm. Rain or Shine. Inside tow large halls filled with household, clothing, books, toys, puzzles.

WANTED

OLD CARPENTER TOOLS wanted. Planes, chisels, axes, etc. Vintage hunting, camping, cast iron cookware. Covid guidelines followed. Call Ken (413)433-2195.

SERVICES

WANTED TO BUY

COMIC BOOKS WANTED!
Comics, Comic Artwork, Vintage Toys, Pulp, Mags! 50+ years of experience! Gary Dolgoff 413-529-0326 gary@gdcomics.com

SERVICES

1***A CALL WE HAUL WE TAKE IT ALL WE LOAD IT ALL**
Lowest Rates, accumulations, junk, estates, attics, garages, appliances, basements, demo services. 10% disc. with this ad of services. Dumpster Rentals available for rent. All Major CC's
CALL NOW! (413)531-1936 acallwehaul@gmail.com

A B Hauling and Removal Service

2***A & B HOUSEHOLD REMOVAL SERVICE*******
Cellars, attics, garages cleaned, yard debris. Barns, sheds, demolished. Swimming pools removed. Cheaper than dumpster fees and we do all the work. Lowest rates. Fully insured. (413)283-6512, cell (413)222-8868.

A HOME IMPROVEMENT SPECIALIST Decks, additions, garages, sheds, porches, repair work. BBB Approved Tim 413-563-2229 Lic #053483

ABSOLUTE CHIMNEY HIC #161245 & CSSL #101365 Insured. Sweeping chimneys year round. Thank you. (413)967-8002

BILODEAU AND SON ROOFING. Established 1976. New re-roofs and repairs. Gutter cleanings and repairs. Licensed/ insured. Call (413)967-6679

CHAIR SEAT WEAVING & refinishing - cane, fiber rush & splint - Classroom instructor, 20+ years experience. Call Wait at (413)289-6670 for estimate.

JKL LIQUID ASPHALT Custom driveways. Oil & stone specialists. Call today for a free quote. 413-289-6251 Like us on Facebook

PAINT AND PAPER Over 25 years experience. References. Lic #086220. Please call Kevin 978-355-6864.

Buying? Selling?
Our Classifieds Get Results!

SERVICES



WE RENOVATE, SELL & PURCHASE (any condition) horse drawn vehicles such as sleighs, carriages, surreys, wagons, dr's buggies, driveable or lawn ornaments. Some furniture and other restoration services available. Reasonable prices. Quality workmanship. Call (413)213-0373 for estimate and information.
DEMERS & SONS
BELCHERTOWN, MA

CHILD SERVICES

***NEW STATE LAW.** Anyone advertising caring of children must list a license number to do so if they offer this service in their own home.

ELECTRICIAN

DEPENDABLE ELECTRICIAN, FRIENDLY service, installs deicing cables. Free estimates. Fully insured. Scott Winters electrician Lic. #13514-B Call (413)244-7096.

EXCAVATING

ELIOT STARBARD EXCAVATION 35 yrs of happy customers. 508-882-0140

HOME IMPROVEMENT

CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION Kitchen, bath, foyers. References. Lic #086220. Please call Kevin (978)355-6864.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS. REMODELING Kitchens, baths. Ceramic tile, windows, painting, wallpapering, siding, decks. Insurance work. Fully insured. Free estimates. (413)246-2783 Ron.

WATER DAMAGE
CALL JAY (413)436-5782 FOR REPAIRS

COMPLETE DRYWALL SERVICE. FINISHING, PAINTING, CEILINGS (SMOOTH OR TEXTURED). 40+ YEARS EXPERIENCE. FULLY INSURED.

INSTRUCTION

DON'T BE A STARVING ARTIST - learn how to teach painting with this special method to people of all ages and abilities and have your own business with a stable income. Fill the need for more art in healthcare facilities. Check it out at: www.artis4every1.com or call (508)882-3848

SERVICES

LANDSCAPING

A+ ROZELL'S LANDSCAPING & BOBCAT SERVICE
Excavator Service
Overgrown properties?
Extreme Brush Cutting!
Shrub, Stump, Tree Removal
Lawn/Arborvitae Installed
Loam, Stone, Mulch, Sand
Storm Clean-up
Maintenance
Small Demolition/ Junk Removal/
Clean-outs
Insured
Josh Rozell 413-636-5957

****ALL SEASON**** Specializing in shrub trimming, pruning, design, deliveries, loader, backhoe, insured. Professional. Please call Bob (413)537-5789 (413)538-7954.

CHAMPAGNE LANDSCAPING Weekly, bi-weekly mowing, Spring, Fall Clean-ups, trimming, mulch, stone beds, excavating. Total yard maintenance. Call Dan (413)682-4943

LAWN & GARDEN

***COMPOSTED LOAM* 3/8** screened, \$30/yd. deliv., 10 yd min.; No additives, fillers or by-products. Local deliv. to Oakham and surrounding towns only. Eliot Starbard 508-882-0140.

MASONRY

STOP WET BASEMENTS

ABC MASONRY & BASEMENT WATERPROOFING
All brick, block, stone, concrete. Hatchway doors, basement windows, chimneys rebuilt & repaired, foundations repaired, basement waterproofing systems, sump pumps. BBB+ rating. Free estimates. Lic #14790. Call (413)569-1611, (413)374-5377

PAINTING

KEEP IT PAINTING- Klems excellent exterior painting. Interiors too. Specializing in all aspects of quality painting and staining. 25 years experience. Free consultation. Steve (413)477-8217

PLUMBING

LINC'S PLUMBING LIC. #J27222
"New Season"
"New Projects"
Call LINC'S
For Your Connection
(413)668-5299

SERVICES

RUBBISH REMOVAL

TRASH, JUNK, CLUTTER We clean out all. Prompt courteous service. Fully insured. Free estimates. Dumpster service available. DiRico Properties (413) 530-1299

TREE WORK

DL & G TREE SERVICE- Everything from tree pruning, tree removal, stump grinding, storm damage and brush chipping. Honest and Dependable. Fully insured. Now offering a Senior Citizen and Veteran discount. Call today for free estimate (413)478-4212

STUMP GRINDING

DL & G STUMP GRINDING Grinding stumps of all sizes, insured & certified. Senior discounts. Call Dave 413-478-4212

AUTO

CARS/TRUCKS WANTED!!! All Makes/ Models 2000-2019! Any Condition, Running or Not. Top \$\$\$ Paid! Free Towing! We're Nationwide! Call Now: 1-888-513-1505.

AUTO FOR SALE

For Sale 2010 Toyota Tacoma TRD Sport, 4 Door, 6 Foot Bed, 109300 Miles, Excellent Condition. Call (413)283-4266 or (413)531-0554

PETS

RETIRED RACING GREYHOUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION
SPAYED/NEUTERED, WORMED, SHOTS, HEARTWORM TESTED, TEETH CLEANED

MAKE A FAST FRIEND!

GREYHOUND OPTIONS INC. CALL MARY AT 413-566-3129 OR CLAIRE AT 413-967-9088
OR GO TO
WWW.GREYHOUNDOPTIONS.ORG

HORSES

HORSEBACK RIDING LESSONS offered year round at our state of the art facility. Beginner to advanced. Ages 4 years to adult. Boarding, Sales and Leasing also available. Convenient location at Orion Farm in South Hadley (413)532-9753 www.orionfarm.net

HELP WANTED

CARPENTERS & LABORERS WANTED. Immediate employment. Working local Ware/Palmer. Call (413)531-1936

CUSTODIAL- PART-TIME position available. Experience preferred however will train. Call Pride Cleaning Contractors Inc. 413-283-7087.

OUTREACH WORKER Town of Hardwick is looking for Community Outreach Worker. The position is to perform social service and administrative work in maintaining contact with the town's elderly to assess their needs, encourage participation in group activities and make referrals as necessary; all other related work as required for both the Towns of Hardwick and Barre. Cover letter and resumes may be sent to coa@townofbarre.com or Eileen Clarkson, Director, 40 West Street, Suite 433, Barre, MA 01005

PART TIME CARPET CLEANING helper wanted call Price Cleaning Contractors (413)283-7087

RATHBONE PRECISION METALS, INC., a local manufacturer of cold drawn and rolled metal shapes is accepting applications for various positions, 1st & 2nd shifts. Engineer-Machine Operator-Fork Lift Driver- CAD/ CAM/ EDM-General Mill-Maintenance. Candidates should demonstrate a good work ethic, be dependable, have good judgment, and be a team player. Candidates must have basic reading, writing, and math skills, excellent communication skills and be able to pay close attention to detail. Based on experience we offer competitive compensation and a comprehensive benefits package. Visit www.rathboneprofiles.com for employment applications and submit online, via email to linda.dias@rathboneprofiles.com or mail to 1241 Park Street, Palmer, MA 01069. Rathbone is proud to be an equal opportunity workplace and is an affirmative action employer.

SERVICES

WATER/SEWER MAINTENANCE WORKER The town of Monson is seeking a full-time Water/Sewer Maintenance Worker to provide technical work to operate and maintain the water and sewer systems. License requirements include Massachusetts CDL Class B and Hoisting 2A, or ability to obtain within 3 mo. of hire; Massachusetts D-2 and T-1 Certified Operator of Drinking Water Facilities, or ability to obtain within 6 mo. of hire or at discretion of the Superintendent. Acknowledgement of Tuition Reimbursement Policy Required. 10 days paid vacation after 90 days continuous employment, FY2022 salary min \$19.01 max \$23.74. Contact the Monson Treasurer's Office at tel. (413) 267-4125, fax (413) 238-6127, or e-mail astaples@monson-ma.gov. Completed applications must be received at the **Monson Treasurer's Office, 110 Main Street, Monson, MA 01057** before 4:00 p.m. June 4, 2021. This Institution is an equal opportunity employer.

REAL ESTATE

FOR RENT



HILLSIDE VILLAGE APARTMENTS
APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR ONE, TWO AND THREE BEDROOM APARTMENTS
•Heat and hot water included
•Ample Closets
•Fully Appliance
•Community Room
•Laundry Facilities
•Cats Welcome
•Extra Storage
•24 Hour Maintenance
For Information call (413)967-7755 EHO

17 Convent Hill, Ware, MA



STORAGE

SECURE STORAGE Winter Special. Rent a 5'x10' 2 months payment up front, 3rd month free. Call Mary (413)531-3722

VACATION RENTALS

WARM WEATHER IS Year Round In Aruba. The water is safe, and the dining is fantastic. Walk out to the beach. 3-Bedroom weeks available. Sleeps 8. Email: carolaction@aol.com for more information.



All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status (number of children and or pregnancy), national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, or any intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination.

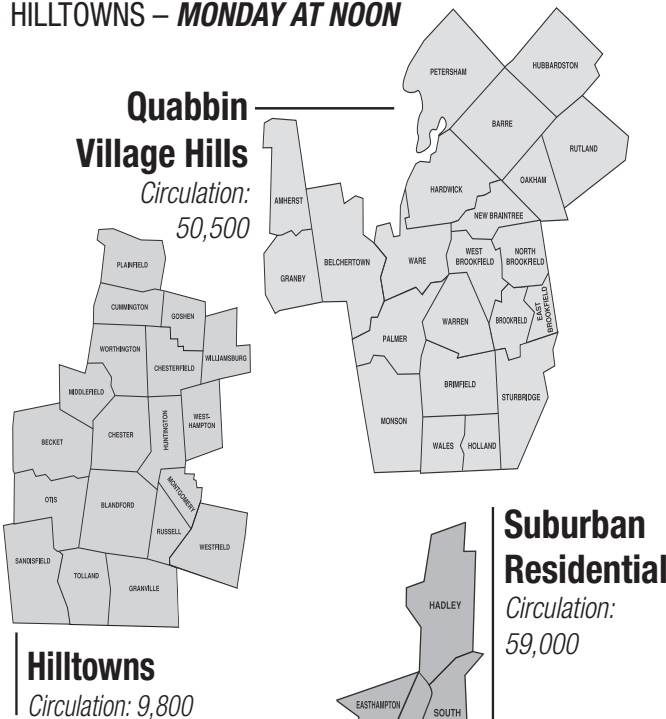
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate that is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertising in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain about discrimination call The Department of Housing and Urban Development "HUD" toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. For the N.E. area, call HUD at 617-565-5308. The toll free number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS MONEY MAKER

MAIL TO: Classifieds, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069
or call: 413-283-8393

DEADLINES: QUABBIN & SUBURBAN – FRIDAY AT NOON
HILLTOWNS – MONDAY AT NOON

CATEGORY:			
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Base Price \$26.00
21 Base Price \$26.50	22 Base Price \$27.00	23 Base Price \$27.50	24 Base Price \$28.00
25 Base Price \$28.50	26 Base Price \$29.00	27 Base Price \$29.50	28 Base Price \$30.00
29 Base Price \$30.50	30 Base Price \$31.00	31 Base Price \$31.50	32 Base Price \$32.00
33 Base Price \$32.50	34 Base Price \$33.00	35 Base Price \$33.50	36 Base Price \$34.00
37 Base Price \$34.50	38 Base Price \$35.00	39 Base Price \$35.50	40 Base Price \$36.00



Buy the Quabbin Village Hills or the Suburban Residential ZONE for \$26.00 for 20 words plus 50¢ for each additional word. Add \$10 for a second Zone or add \$15 to run in ALL THREE ZONES.

First ZONE base price _____ Includes additional words
Add a second ZONE **\$10.00**
Add a third ZONE **\$5.00**
Subtotal _____
x Number of Weeks _____
TOTAL Enclosed _____

Run my ad in the following ZONE(s):

☐ Quabbin
☐ Suburban
☐ Hilltowns

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Number of Weeks: _____ X per week rate = \$ _____
Credit Card: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover ☐ Cash ☐ Check# _____
Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____
Amount of charge: _____ Date: _____

OUR CLASSIFIEDS REACH 50 COMMUNITIES EVERY WEEK!

Digital Photos \$12.50 Each

TURLEY PUBLICATIONS, INC.

Purchase a photo that recently ran in one of our publications. Go to newspapers.turley.com/photo-request

Applicant needed for joint regionalization committee

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, May 11 at 6 p.m., and took up the formation of a School Regionalization Planning Committee, now that the initial decision has been made to study regionalizing with Quaboag Regional School District.

Town Moderator James Caldwell asked to utilize the selectmen’s email address for gathering candidates for the School

Regionalization Planning Committee. One applicant is needed on this joint committee with West Brookfield and Warren to explore the possibility of regionalizing with the Quaboag Regional School District. Selectmen Chairman Dale Kiley said interested applicants can send their information and qualifications to selectmen@northbrookfield.net to be forwarded to the Town Moderator. Requests must be received by noon on May 27.

Financial items

The treasurer requested to spend money

on postage-paid envelopes. The board agreed to release \$600 to cover postage. The Planning Board requested \$73.50 for advertising and \$189.95 for copy paper. The board approved all requests.

Planning Board appointment

The SelectBoard appointed the following people to the Planning Board: Kim Bent as clerk, Susan Lyons to a one-year term and James Grace as alternative. Bent was also appointed as clerk of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

One-day liquor license

The board signed and approved a one-

day liquor license for the North Brookfield Fire Pay Night Supper.

Bell Road easement

The board signed the easement paperwork for 14 Bell Road/Water Department.

Reopening of pole hearing

The board reopened the pole hearing for North Main Street. After no further discussion from abutters or residents, the board closed the hearing. The board approved the moving of the pole between 280-282 North Main Street.

Beach Committee

The Beach Committee said they have

had a problem with a member. Kiley said it would be more appropriate to discuss in executive session and invite all involved parties. They will discuss the situation in executive session at the next BOS meeting on May 25.

Casella Waste contract

The board approved the contract with Casella Waste presented to them by the Recycling Center.

Minutes

Meeting minutes from Feb. 17 and March 2 were approved.

Your BUYLINE CONNECTION

MEMORIAL DAY SALE
OVER 3,000 APPLIANCES ON HAND FOR PICK UP OR QUICK DELIVERY!!!!
MORE APPLIANCES IN STOCK THAN ANY OTHER STORE!!!
BIKE SALE
1500 IN STOCK
PRESEASON GRILL SALE!!!
1,000s OF ACs IN STOCK!

WHITCO TOY & BIKE
140 Main St., Spencer
www.whitcosales.com
Open: Mon. thru Sat. 10am-8:30pm; Sun. 10am-7pm

12 MONTHS 0% FINANCING
508-885-9343

BUYING OR SELLING.... WE HAVE THE PERFECT FIT FOR YOU!

www.PostRoadRealty.com

OPEN HOUSE!!! **NEW LISTING!**

Saturday, May 22, 11 AM - 12:30 PM

\$479,900 196 WICKABOAG VALLEY RD., WEST BROOKFIELD

You must see this beautiful custom built open floor plan home with 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths and a 1 bedroom in-law apartment on 2.4 acres in historic West Brookfield. This home has been meticulously maintained and features a master suite with Jacuzzi tub, cabinet packed kitchen with a center island and stainless steel appliances. The living room has a gas fireplace, cathedral ceilings and hardwood floors. The stunning in-law apartment has a kitchen with granite counter tops, a spacious living room, a large tiled shower and a separate washer/dryer hook-up. Outdoors you will love the multi level deck with a hot tub, large yard, large paved driveway and 3 car garage with a work area and plenty of storage. Good location for commuting to Worcester or Springfield areas.

Cassie Paolucci
774-200-3523

11.99
/5 Qt. Jug
\$2.39 /1 Qt.

NAPA Conventional Motor Oil¹
Aceite de motor convencional NAPA

9.99
/Gal.

NAPA® 15W40 H.D. Motor Oil¹
Aceite de motor de alta capacidad NAPA 15W40
#75122

NAPA AUTO PARTS® WARE•WEST BROOKFIELD

175 West St., Ware
413-967-5121 • 967-3184
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-7; Sat. 8-3; Sun. 9-2

116 Federal St. (Rt. 9) Belchertown
413-323-7661 • 323-9296

117 West Main St., W. Brookfield • 508-867-9947
Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-5:30; Sat. 8-3; Sun. 9-2

Ware - Two Family - \$209,000

Two family with updated kitchens and baths. Beautiful woodwork, many built in cabinets and closets! The town of Ware has this home listed as a 2-family home past owners had used it as a single family home at one time. Oil heat for first floor, electric heat for 2nd floor. This would be a fantastic home for an in-law situation or student living at home! Basement has a workshop area. Town water and sewer. Off street parking and fenced in yard. Walking distance to Church, shops, restaurants and local business. No tenants at this time. Great investment property!

CENTURY 21 North East
109 West St., Ware
Ready to Buy or Sell? Call Me!
1-978-434-1990
www.DorindaSellsHomes.com

LISA CARON REAL ESTATE

FOR ALL YOUR REAL ESTATE NEEDS

Call: 508-341-8299

Lisa Caron Broker/Owner
42 West Main Street
Brookfield, MA
~ Notary Public ~

Representing Buyers & Sellers for over 15 years
caronlisarick@aol.com • lisacaron.com

MARKET YOUR HOME WITH STYLE
Professional Photography
ABC TV Promotion
Floor Plans - Social Media Ads
Brochures - Postcards - Print Ads
Targeted Online Advertising

BUYING • SELLING • RELOCATING
STEWART & STEWART
413-387-8608
Nathan.Stewart@NEMoves.com • StewartandStewartHomes.com

WHERE EVERYONE GOES FOR THEIR PIECE OF THE EARTH!

LANDSCAPE STONE

ALL SIZES
White • Blush • Blue • Brown • Purple
Red • Lt Gray • Dark Gray

SCREENED LOAM STORED IN BUILDING

Construction Stone • Title V Septic Sand
Concrete Sand • Chicken Coop Sand • Utility Sand
Chip Stone • Stone Dust • Silt • Crushed Gravel
Crushed Asphalt • Crushed Concrete • Cold Patch

Homeowner Friendly • No Minimums
PICK-UP OR CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR DELIVERY TODAY!

Bond
Sand, Gravel & Asphalt
www.bondsandandgravel.com

98 North Spencer Road,
Route 31N, Spencer, MA
508-885-6100
508-885-2480

Support Your Hometown Businesses

SHOP LOCAL

F.T. SMITH

SAND & GRAVEL CO

Washed & Double Washed
Crushed Stone
Washed Sand • Stone Dust
Natural Round Landscaping Stone
Screened Loam • Crushed Gravel

PLANT LOCATION
53 Brooks Pond Rd., North Brookfield, MA
508.867.0400

SPRING IS HERE!

CHECK OUT OUR CLEARANCE AREA. WE HAVE TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW STOCK.

CONCRETE SOLUTIONS
199 East Broadway (Rt. 2A), Gardner
978-669-0088

Egan Lawn Care
321-506-3446

Call Today For Your Free Estimate
321-506-3446

Residential/Commercial
Licensed/Insured:

- Weekly Lawn Maintenance
- Spring and Fall Clean Ups
- Aeration and Overseeding
- Mulch Installation
- Shrub and Tree Trimming
- Garden Bed Renovation
- Planting
- Small Tractor Work

Eganlawncare.com

E.B. Flatts

Rte 9 E. Brookfield • 508-867-6643
Open Sun.-Wed. 7am-1:30pm; Thurs.-Sat. 7am-8:30pm

COMING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

SEAFOOD FEAST

**Lobster Rolls*
Fried Clams &
Fish & Chips & More!**

**Drop Off Your Worn American
Flags For Retirement Here**

VILLAGE MARKET

2240 Main Street
West Warren
413-436-5900

ONLINE ORDERING NOW AVAILABLE!

& Deli

OPEN MONDAY-SATURDAY
8AM-7PM

FAX / COPY / ATM / NOTARY PUBLIC

**FRESH SANDWICHES & MEALS
GROCERIES
BEER & WINE
PIZZA**